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SOVIET INTRIGUE EXPOSED.

DISARMAMENT PLANS CONDEMNED.

CUSHENDUN'S VIGOUR GIVES LEAD TO REST.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.

Geneva, Mar. 21.
It is the general opinion that Lord Cushendun's vigorous speech has knocked the bottom out of the Soviet plan, many delegates speaking in support to-day.

The Netherlands delegate, J. J. Rutgers agreed with most of the points made by Lord Cushendun, pointing out that complete disarmament would expose all nations to brigandage, to adventures and to revolution.

M. Hennings and Mr. Hugh Gibson rejected the Russian scheme as impossible, the United States delegate urging the Commission to continue its present work.

M. Sokal (Poland) as Russia's neighbour, favoured an examination to see whether some of the Soviet proposals might be embodied in a Convention, but added that it would be necessary to uphold the principles of the League of Nations.

Bludgeon Not Olive Branch.

M. Jacquemyns (Belgium) said that the Soviet proposals were a bludgeon rather than an olive branch. The scheme, he declared, was inspired by a hatred of civilization, but a careful study of the matter might reveal some redeemable points.

M. Morloff (Bulgaria) said it was impossible to apply the Soviet scheme at present, while M. Markovitch (Yugoslavia) said that not a single element in the Russian scheme was likely to advance the problem of disarmament.

M. Politis (Greece) pointed out that the scheme was incompatible with the Covenant and suggested the adjournment of the matter till the next Session. He hoped for continued Soviet co-operation and eventual entry into the League of Nations.

Speech Greatest in League.

New York, Mar. 21.
Lord Cushendun's Geneva speech is hailed in New York as the greatest delivered in the history of the League. The New York Times expressing the opinion that the British representative did a good half-hour's work, says he uncovered the Soviet insincerity and hypocrisy and exposed the glaring attempt to seek under the guise of peace a fresh course for the most deadly international plotting and destruction.—*Reuter.*

London, Mar. 21.
In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked whether the British delegation on the Disarmament Commission at Geneva had received any instructions regarding the Soviet proposals. The Foreign Secretary replied that the British delegate had been instructed to co-operate with his colleagues in securing the fullest examination of the Soviet proposals.

The House would notice from the reports in the Press that he had carried out his instructions with great skill and judgment.—*British Wireless.*

U. S. Sincerity.

Geneva, Mar. 21.
Mr. Hugh Gibson, referred to Mr. Kellogg's proposal to outlaw war in the course of his speech to the Disarmament Commission. He emphasised that it was "precisely on the grounds of sincerity, consistency, and logic that my Government supports the idea of a multilateral treaty, renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, and simultaneously finds itself unable to support the drastic proposals for complete disarmament, which we do not believe is calculated to achieve their avowed purpose."

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FRENCH OUTLAWRY OF WAR.

MULTILATERAL TREATY OPEN TO ALL NATIONS.

M. BRIAND TO U.S.A.

Paris, Mar. 21.
It is understood in semi-official circles that M. Briand is preparing a Reply to Mr. Frank B. Kellogg's last Note as regards the outlawing of war.

The Reply will be conciliatory, favouring the American suggestion, and constituting the first step towards the multilateral agreement.

M. Briand will suggest that the agreement be open to the signature of all nations and not be limited to the six great Powers mentioned by Mr. Kellogg.

M. Briand will also refer to the necessity for providing for the event of one of the signatories failing to keep the agreement.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Hugh Gibson, the American delegate to the Disarmament Commission, spoke eloquently of the effect of a multilateral treaty during the discussion which followed Lord Cushendun's vigorous speech. Mr. Hugh Gibson's speech is reported elsewhere.

SECRET HISTORY OF THE WAR.

U. S. A. NEAR TO RUPTURE WITH ALLIES.

NEUTRALS SEA RIGHTS.

Washington, Mar. 21.
Somewhat sensational disclosures regarding the attitude adopted by the United States in the early days of the war are contained in an 800-page volume just published, and which is the first of a series covering the period 1914-19, outlining American history.

It is issued by the state Department and when completed will thoroughly detail the activities of the United States during the World War, from the outbreak to the end.

The volume published reveals that British Orders-in-Council as regards the rights of neutrals at sea in 1914, caused a very strong American protest, even a threat of rupture of relations with the Allies.

A secret Conference followed and the Orders were amended.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TEAPOT DOME OIL SCANDAL.

NAME OF LATE PRESIDENT INVOLVED.

New York, Mar. 21.
The dragging of the name of the late President Harding into the Teapot Dome oil scandal has prompted the Democratic paper *World* to express the opinion that the investigation will not reveal personal dishonesty on his part, although dishonesty undoubtedly existed in his administration.

It says that the old rumours should be laid at rest in fairness to his memory.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Banned from Turf.
Baltimore, Mar. 21.
Owing to his connexion with the Teapot Dome oil scandal, the Maryland Racing Association has banned Mr. Harry Sinclair's horses from racing on the Maryland tracks.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUSSIAN GOLD.

HUGE CARGO FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION.

Riga, Mar. 21.
A ton of Russian gold bullion has arrived at Riga from Moscow, but its destination is unknown.—*Reuter.*

U. S. SPENDS MORE ON NAVY.

BIG INCREASES OVER FULL SCOPE.

TWO NEW DIRIGIBLES AND MANY AEROPLANES.

THE UPWARD TREND.

Washington, Mar. 21.
The largest naval expenditure since the Washington Conference of 1924 is proposed in the annual Navy Department Supply Bill which has been reported to the House of Representatives by the Appropriations Committee.

The total is \$359,000,000 which represents an increase of \$20,000,000 over the current funds; chiefly owing to the increasing cost of naval aviation and the fact that all the eight 10,000-ton cruisers authorised in 1924 will be constructing simultaneously.

The New Dirigibles.

The Committee anticipates an immediate upward trend of Naval costs. The Bill allows \$2,000,000 to start the construction of two new dirigibles, each to be 732 feet long and 132 feet deep, with a maximum speed of 75 knots, and with an ability to carry a crew of 61. The total cost will be \$8,000,000.

To heavier-than-air craft a sum of \$30,000,000 is allotted, an increase of \$11,000,000 plus a contract authorisation of \$10,000,000. This will provide for the delivery of 271 new aeroplanes during the years 1928 and 1929.

Cruisers and Submarines.

The new 10,000-ton cruisers will be completed by the allotment of a sum of \$48,000,000 an increase over last year of \$13,000,000. This sum also covers the construction of two new V-type submarines by 1930.

The Marine Corps allotment has also been increased, but this is in connexion with the despatch of 7,000 Marines to China and Nicaragua for the protection of American interests.

A sum of \$6,000,000 is provided for the complete modernisation of the battleships U. S. S. Nevada and U. S. S. Oklahoma.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING.

ARMED FORCES TO PREVENT INDIAN DISORDERS.

Calcutta, Mar. 21.
The situation on the East Indian Railway is beginning to take a serious turn following the closing down of the Lilloah workshops, the trouble having spread to other departments.

A further 1,700 men have been downed tools in sympathy with the Lilloah men, who were locked out when the Railway declined to accede to a demand for considerable wage increases.

An armed police detachment from the Eastern Frontier Rifles is now standing by to prevent possible disturbances.—*Reuter.*

DISASTROUS INDIAN FIRE.

OVER THIRTY LIVES LOST.

London, Mar. 21.
A message from Shimoga, Mysore, states that 32 people were killed and 400 houses burned down as the result of a conflagration in the village of Esur, in the Shikapur district.—*Reuter.*

NICARAGUAN DECREE.

U. S. TO SUPERVISE NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

Managua, Mar. 21.
President Diaz has signed a decree establishing United States supervision over the national elections in Nicaragua.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHANGHAI PLANE CRASH.

"AVIATOR'S" MADDEN SOLO FLIGHT.

THOUGHT IT WAS EASY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 22.
Golfers playing in the vicinity of Hungjiao Road early this morning witnessed an amazing aeroplane crash, though fortunately no one was injured.

Excitement was caused at first by the sight of an aeroplane sailing overhead towards the aerodrome as if the machine were endeavouring to land travelling with the wind. It was performing remarkable antics and seemed to be entirely uncontrolled.

It passed out of sight, leaving the impression that it had crashed and two golfers hurried to the scene, and discovered the plane crumpled up about half a mile beyond the Hungjiao Golf Club.

The machine, which had barely missed crashing into the creek, was badly damaged, but the aviator was unhurt.

Inquiries disclosed that the man who flew the machine had been conducting his maiden solo flight, though apparently he had previously flown as a passenger.

It seems he regarded flying as easy and nonchalantly ascended alone.

The telegram was considered at a meeting of the Political Council in Nanking yesterday, when, after a lengthy debate, it was decided to allot a sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of immediate repair work.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Shanghai, Mar. 22.
Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has forwarded a telegram to Nanking reporting on the dangerous condition of the Hwang Ho in Southern Chihli, where much damage has been caused by the river overflowing its banks.

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Shanghai, Mar. 22.
The Prince of Wales, who is Colonel of the Welsh Guards, fell at the brook jump when riding in the Brigade of Guards Inter-regimental Challenge Cup Race at a point-to-point meeting at Risely.

The Prince had cleared seven fences when he fell. He was thrown over his horse's head and turned a complete somersault before landing safely on his feet.—*British Wireless.*

London, Mar. 21.
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AFGHAN KING'S NEW THRILL.

FLIES OVER LONDON IN GIANT PLANE.

LISTENS TO TALK OF PILOT TO CROYDON.

VISIT TO SWINDON.

London, Mar. 21.
King Amanullah of Afghanistan had what he described as the "greatest thrill which the West has given me" when he was taken up for a flight over London to-day.

The machine in which he flew was the Armstrong Siddeley, "Argosy," the largest air liner in the world, a twenty-seater used by the Imperial Airways on the cross-Channel service.

Captain Rogers was the pilot. Including Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Branker, Sir Francis Humphrys, the British Minister at Kabul, and members of the King's suite, there were seventeen passengers in addition to the pilot, the mechanic and a steward.

Wonderful Panorama.
King Amanullah eagerly watched the constantly changing panorama below.

On his head was a pair of ear-phones by means of which he could hear the wireless conversations being carried on between Croydon aerodrome and Captain Rogers.

King Amanullah through an interpreter declared that one of the things that pleased him most was the sight of Buckingham Palace and its grounds as he flew overhead.

The air-liner flew at a height of about 2,500 feet.

City's Marvels.
After passing over the Crystal Palace, it went down the Thames to the Tower of London, then over St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park, crossing the Thames on the return journey over Vauxhall Bridge. A perfect landing was made after the flight. A Handley-Page machine also took up the remainder of King Amanullah's suite.

The Royal visitor in the afternoon left London for Swindon where he went over the Great Western Railway Company's works.—*British Wireless.*

THE "ROYAL OAK" SENSATION.

AMERICAN-BORN BARRISTER TO DEFEND.

London, Mar. 21.
It is understood that Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel will be represented at the Royal Oak courts-martial by Gibraltarian barrister, Mr. Day Kimball, who was born in America and was formerly Assistant Attorney-General in the State of Massachusetts, and United States delegate on the Davis Cup Committee.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIAN AID TO STRIKERS.

ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION TO SWEDEN.

A further instalment of 16,000 roubles has been sent to aid the strikers in the Swedish Saw-mills, the ore-mining, and pulp and paper industries.

This contribution brings the total sent to date up to 140,000 roubles.—*Reuter.*

BURIED IN THE SNOW.

THIRTEEN VIENNESE TOURISTS MISSING.

Salsburg, Mar. 21.
Seventeen Viennese tourists broke through a snow cornice which they were climbing, and became buried in the snow.

Four have been rescued, but the remaining thirteen are still missing, and a storm is impeding their rescue.—*Reuter.*

TROUBLE BREWS IN YANGTSE.

ALL IS NOT WELL IN CAMP OF NATIONALISTS.

DOUBTFUL GENERALS.

Although Marshal Li Chai-sum has gone to Nanking, it must not be taken for granted that the differences between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and the Kwangsi Clique have been patched up definitely.

Despite an expressed concern General Pei Chung-hai's allegiance to the Commander-in-Chief, and although large numbers of his troops are concentrating at Wu-chang, it is not assured that he will go to the assistance of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang in accordance with Nanking's wishes.

Several times there have been threats of a rupture between Hanks and Nanking, and Naval wireless messages from the Yangtze to-day indicate that an open breach was only averted a few days ago after a conference had been hurriedly called at Changsha.

The Nationalists have a new potential enemy to face in General Yang Sen, who has not allied himself with the Northerners yet but may do so when conditions are more favourable.

Marshal Chiang ordered General Wu Yu-shan to move against Yang Sen with the 80th Nationalist Army recently but messages from Ichang are to the effect that the Nationalists were severely defeated. Further trouble is anticipated.

SHANGHAI SCANDAL SEQUEL.

CAD SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS' PENAL.

POSED AS SINGLE MAN.

London, Mar. 21.
John Digby Palmer (32), a quartermaster in the Mercantile Marine, who posed in Shanghai as a Naval Commander and deceived a Shanghai nurse, Miss Hilda Robson, last summer, was sentenced at the Old Bailey to-day to five years' penal servitude.

Palmer collapsed in the dock on hearing the sentence.

The evidence revealed that he was married in 1920 and had two children. By representing himself as a single man he obtained £300 from Miss Robson.

Miss Robson gave evidence against Palmer and said that she was unable to return to Shanghai owing to the scandal.

Palmer declared he was bitterly ashamed of the part he had played against Miss Robson, whom he said was one of the best women he had ever met.—*Reuter.*

MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM IN NANKING.

BANQUETTED BY CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.
Marshal Li Chai-sum, accompanied by General Chan Ming-shu, General Ho Ying-ching and General Li Tsung-yen, left for Nanking by special train and arrived there at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The Canton leader and his party were warmly welcomed by a large gathering at the station, including Nanking Government representatives and staff officers from Army headquarters.

The party motored to Naval Headquarters for a brief spell, but in the evening were banquetted at the Army Headquarters, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek receiving Marshal Li Chai-sum cordially.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

U. S. PROSPERITY.

INCOME TAX ESTIMATES EXCEEDED.

Washington, Mar. 21.
On the basis of the figures available hitherto, it is calculated that the total income and company tax for the year 1927 at the rate of 3 3/4% in the 2nd will exceed the estimates by \$100,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

COLDSTREAMS LAND.

London, Mar. 21.
The Second Battalion, Coldstream Guards, after thirteen months' service in the Finghai Defence Force, landed at Southampton this morning.—*British Wireless.*

KWANGTUNG PLOT REVEALED.

TWO TANG SENG-CHI AGENTS SHOT.

PLAN TO BUY OVER TROOPS AND COMMUNISTS.

Startling reports are being spread from Chinese sources confirming the rumours that General Tang Seng-chi has been plotting in the region of Lelyang and Chenchow, just over the Kwangtung border, where terrible "Red" atrocities have recently taken place.

The reports state that General Tang sent delegates to Shikwan and Ping-shih, cities in the northern part of Kwangtung, for the purpose of buying over Canton troops and Communist bands with the object of incorporating them into his Army which some time back suffered heavy defeats in Hunan.

It is stated that the carrying out of this plan was only prevented by the smart work of the military intelligence officers at Shikwan, which resulted in Tang's delegates being arrested. Two of them and an implicated corporal have since been shot.

Canton Move Fails.

As is well-known, after his defeat in Hunan, General Tang Seng-chi left for Japan, but he later returned to China and has lately been seeking to restore his prestige, for which purpose he has kept in close touch with Generals Liu Hait and Ho Chen, who have been in control of the remnants of his Army.

Some little time ago, it is stated, Tang sent his brother to Canton with a view to obtaining support from the Canton Army, but the emissary left when he saw no opportunity of attaining his object.

Having failed in his first move, General Tang is said to have resolved to utilise the services of the Communist bandits who were active in the northern part of Kwangtung, and, with this end in view, he sent three secret agents, named Tao, Li and Lung, to Ping-shih. This city, it will be recalled, fell into the hands of the "Reds" a few days ago.

Treating With "Reds."

It appears that Tang's secret agents made a certain coffin shop in Ping-shih their rendezvous and soon began to negotiate with Communist bandit chiefs in the city. Apparently, General Tang's scheme was to start a rising in northern Kwangtung, and, if this proved successful, his troops in Hunan would join in with the revolutionists.

With the intention of buying over some of the troops stationed in Shikwan, the three secret commissioners took train to Shikwan at the beginning of last week. One of them, the man named Li, is said to be a native of Yunnan, and on the arrival of the trio at Shikwan they lost no time in getting into touch with a corporal of the Canton Army in the city, this man also being a Yunnanite.

Four Arrests.

Eventually, the attention of the military authorities in Shikwan was attracted by the friendly manner in which the corporal mixed with the three strangers, and ultimately all four men were arrested.

In the possession of two of the men, Li and Tao, there were found documents signed by General Tang Seng-chi instructing them to buy over Canton troops and Communist bands in Northern Kwangtung.

Those two men later made a full confession to the authorities, who ordered that they and the corporal be shot, which was duly done.

It is said that the remaining man, named Lung, is still detained by the troops in Shikwan.



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WITH THE POOR.

ADDRESS BY SALVATION ARMY ADJUTANT.

An interesting lecture describing the work of the Salvation Army in North China, was given by Adjutant A. Harris at the St. Peter's Club last night, the speaker recounting the services rendered to the poor and needy of Peking and surrounding districts.

Mr. Harris prefaced his address by giving a brief history of the Salvation Army, which was founded by General William Booth some 60 years ago. It was the last wish of the General, when he died in 1912, that his son, whom he had appointed to take command of the organization, should disseminate the work of the Army throughout China and establish quarters among the vast population of that country.

After referring to the arrival of a number of officers in Peking some years ago, Mr. Harris went on to describe the hardships which these men had to overcome, especially the language difficulty. It was not until they had mastered this, that the work was commenced in earnest.

Food and Clothing.

After they had started their evangelical work in Northern China, the Salvation Army was approached and urged to succour the poor and needy. Shelters were procured, and the genuinely poor people of Peking and surrounding districts were supplied with food and in some cases clothing.

Mr. Harris mentioned certain cases where some of the people had abused the privileges offered them, by going to these sheds and obtaining food when they were not in need of assistance. They were merely going and getting "something for nothing." This had to be countered, and the officers had to be exceedingly careful in distributing aid.

To give the audience an idea of the amount of work done among the poor, Mr. Harris said that each day something like 6,000 people received food, and during the three and-a-half months that this was carried on, about half a million distressed persons benefited thus.

It was only during the winter months that the poor were cared for in this way, as it was then too cold and there was little work for them to do. In summer they were able to obtain employment, and this allowed the Army officers to carry out their evangelic work.

To-day there are Salvation Army establishments in about 60 to 70 different districts in China.

VILLAGE FIRE.

THREE PEOPLE SUCCUMB TO INJURIES.

Three fatalities accompanied a fire which broke out at Lokmachow Village, New Territories, on Tuesday evening, resulting in a wooden hut being completely burned down. It was an isolated village and by the time the people in the district arrived on the scene the flames had a good hold.

There were four persons inside the hut, and it is stated that they all received severe burns all over their bodies, apart from other injuries. They were three women and a man.

They were taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, and later transferred to the Government Civil Hospital.

On the same evening the man and two of the elder women died in the hospital, while the remaining woman, who is nineteen years old, is still receiving medical treatment.

The vernacular papers state that a small boy, who was playing with fire by the side of some kerosene inside the hut, caused the blaze.

ORITARY.

FRENCH MINISTER TO SIAM.

The death took place on March 9 of Monsieur R. Reau, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of France to the Court of Siam.

Born in 1872, Monsieur Reau was appointed Student-Interpreter at the French Legation in Bangkok in October, 1894, when Monsieur DeFrance was Minister. He was promoted Vice-Consul-Interpreter in 1898, and 1st-Interpreter in May 1899, and Chancellor at Hongkong (1901). He subsequently acted as Consul here, and served afterwards as Vice-Consul in Hongkong (1906), acting Consul in Hongkong (1906) and Consul in Hankow (1910). He returned to Hongkong as Consul (1916), was Acting Consul-General in Shanghai (1920), and promoted to be a Consul-General in 1921. He was given charge of the important post of Consul-General in Geneva in October, 1923, and continued to hold that post until his appointment as Minister to the Court of Siam in September last. It was on the evening of Christmas Day that the new Minister, accompanied by Madame Reau and their daughter, arrived in Bangkok, being then welcomed by a large gathering of the French colony, headed by Comte de Sercey.

Mr. Reau is, says the Bangkok Times, the first French Minister to die at his post in Bangkok, but it may be recalled that Mr. Achille Ranchot died there on the June 4, 1897, while acting as Charge d'Affaires during the absence of Mr. DeFrance. He had been in Bangkok less than a month. Mr. Reau and the late Mr. Ranchot attended the funeral of Mr. Ranchot; and Mr. Wood is the only member of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps who was present and is still in Siam.

SCOTS GUARDS' PIPERS.

NEW HEADRESS APPROVED BY THE KING.

The twelve pipers of the Scots Guards are to have a new headress for ceremonial occasions. It will be worn only with full dress. At all other times the Glengarry cap, the present headress, will continue to be worn.

Officially the new headress is described as:

"A black ostrich feather bonnet, with diced border of regimental pattern and five tails on the right side. On the left there is the regimental badge supporting a hackle in the King's own colours of red and blue. The chin-strap is of black leather."

The new bonnets are somewhat similar in appearance to the bearskin worn by other ranks of the Foot Guards, and are the same pattern as the feather bonnets worn by Highland regiments before the war, with "tails" on the right-hand side and a diced border of the regimental pattern. The bonnet of the Black Watch had four tails and a red plume; that of the Gordon, Seaforth, and Cameron Highlanders five tails and a white plume; and that of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders six tails and a white plume.

The full headress of the Scots Guards to-day, like that of other Foot Guards regiments, is the bearskin cap. Hitherto, when in full dress, the glengarry cap, with black cock feathers, worn by the pipers contrasted very noticeably with the bearskin cap worn by the remainder of the battalion. The introduction of the bonnet will now approximate the heights of the headress of all ranks.

It is understood that the change was made at the request of the men themselves. It was hoped that the new bonnet would be in use by the middle of March.

His Majesty the King has given his assent to the change.

COXSAIN'S LAPSE.

GUILTY OF DEMANDING A BRIBE.

Found guilty on a charge of demanding a bribe from the mistress of a junk, a Chinese police coxswain was fined \$200 or, in default, three months' hard labour, by Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon.

According to the prosecution, the defendant together with a European police sergeant raided a junk in the harbour for opium. They came across a negligible quantity and therefore no charge was brought by the sergeant against any person.

It is alleged, however, that the defendant, playing on the ignorance of the sampan people, informed them that \$200 was required if the matter was to be overlooked.

At previous hearings evidence was given to show that in all the sum of \$185 was handed by the mistress of the sampan to the defendant.

Yesterday, the defendant, giving evidence from the witness box, said that he had been sixteen years as a police coxswain. He had been on junk raids before. On the night of February 28, while he was proceeding home from the Water Police Station, he met an informer, who told him that Sergeant No. 93 wanted an interpreter to go with him on a raid. He accompanied the informer and met No. 93 at the Kowloon Ferry Wharf. They came across to Hongkong and later took a boat near Wing Lok Wharf to go on the raid.

The raid revealed a small quantity of opium and defendant told the Court that the sergeant wanted to arrest the sampan people, whereupon two women came forward and offered the police party \$200. The sergeant, according to the defendant, is then alleged to have told the women to "be quick."

Plea of Frankness.

Defendant, continuing his story, said that he accompanied the two women ashore to raise the money, having previously arranged with the sergeant to meet again at the Wing Lok Wharf.

After raising \$85, some of which was in silver coins, the women handed it to the coxswain and together they waited at the Wing Lok Wharf for the sergeant to return. The sergeant, however, did not return, but a Chinese detective appeared and asked defendant why he stood there with sampan women. The answer was that he was waiting for European Sergeant A. 93.

As A. 93 did not appear after a long wait, the detective took the coxswain and the women to the police station.

At the conclusion of the defendant's evidence, Mr. A. E. Hall (for the defence) asked, if his client had any intention to demand the money, or if he meant to keep the money for himself, why did he wait at the Wing Lok Wharf with the women? He could have gone off and his identity would not have been known to the women. Instead of that he answered the detective frankly, giving his occupation and the reason why he was waiting.

Mr. Hall further argued that the prosecution's evidence was conflicting and that there might have existed a genuine misunderstanding between the sergeant, the coxswain and the boat people regarding the \$200.

His Worship, after hearing Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., for the prosecution, decided to convict. In view of defendant's excellent record of sixteen years' service, his Worship met the offence with a fine, as stated above.

The Council of the Institution of Naval Architects have invited Admiral of the Fleet Lord Wester Wemyss to succeed the Duke of Northumberland as President of the Institution.

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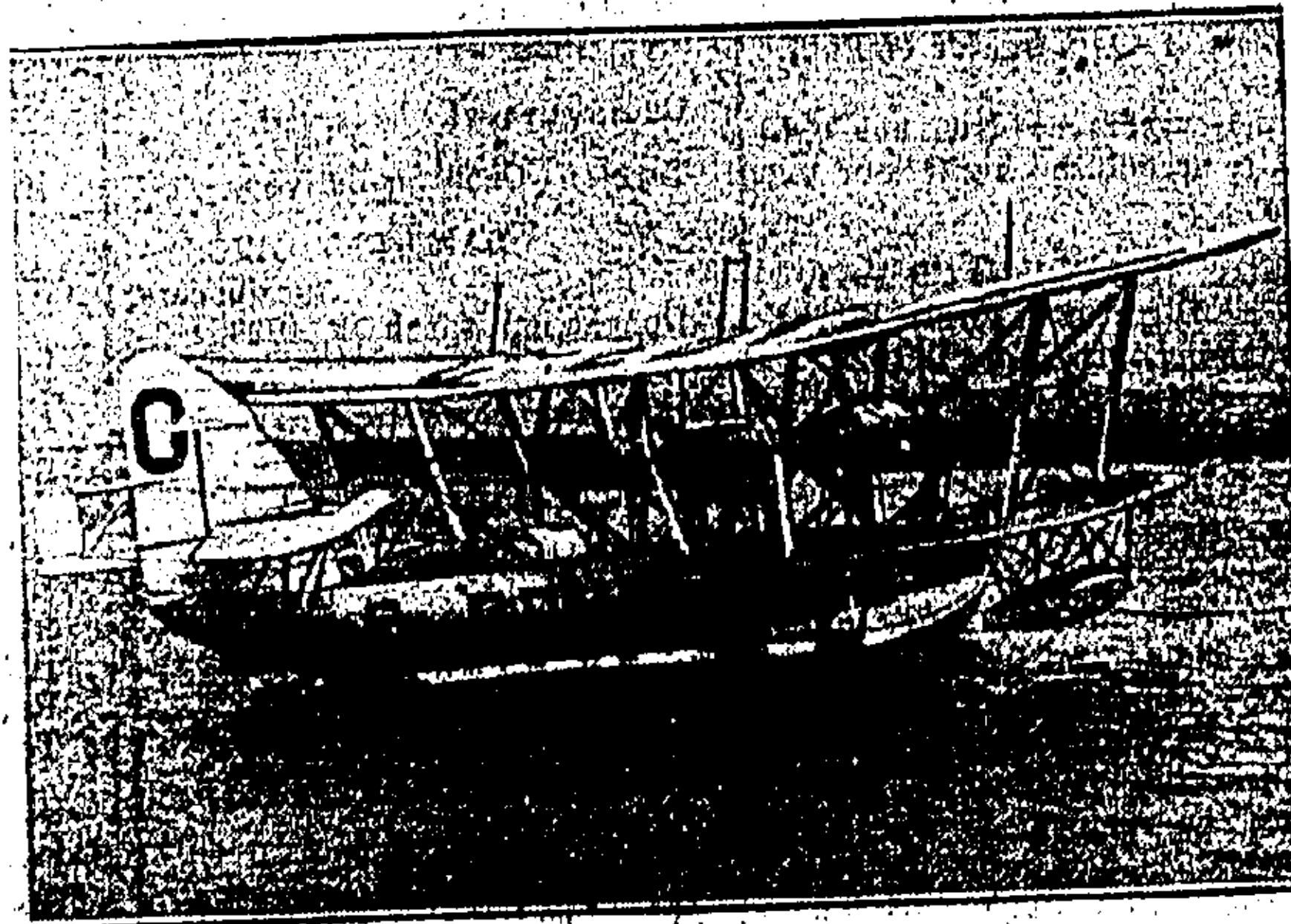
By Small



H. M. King George attended the wedding of Lord Hamilton and Lady Kathleen Orichton at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Our picture shows the bride and bridegroom leaving the church after the wedding. Lord Hamilton is the elder son of the Duke of Abercorn. (Times copyright).



The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Randall Davidson), commemorated the 25th anniversary of his enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury, on Sunday, February 12. A view of Canterbury Cathedral. He will be 80 in April, and will celebrate his golden wedding in November. (Times copyright).



The commercial boat seaplane Calcutta which has been built to the order of the Air Ministry for operation by Imperial Airways for use in India. (Times copyright).



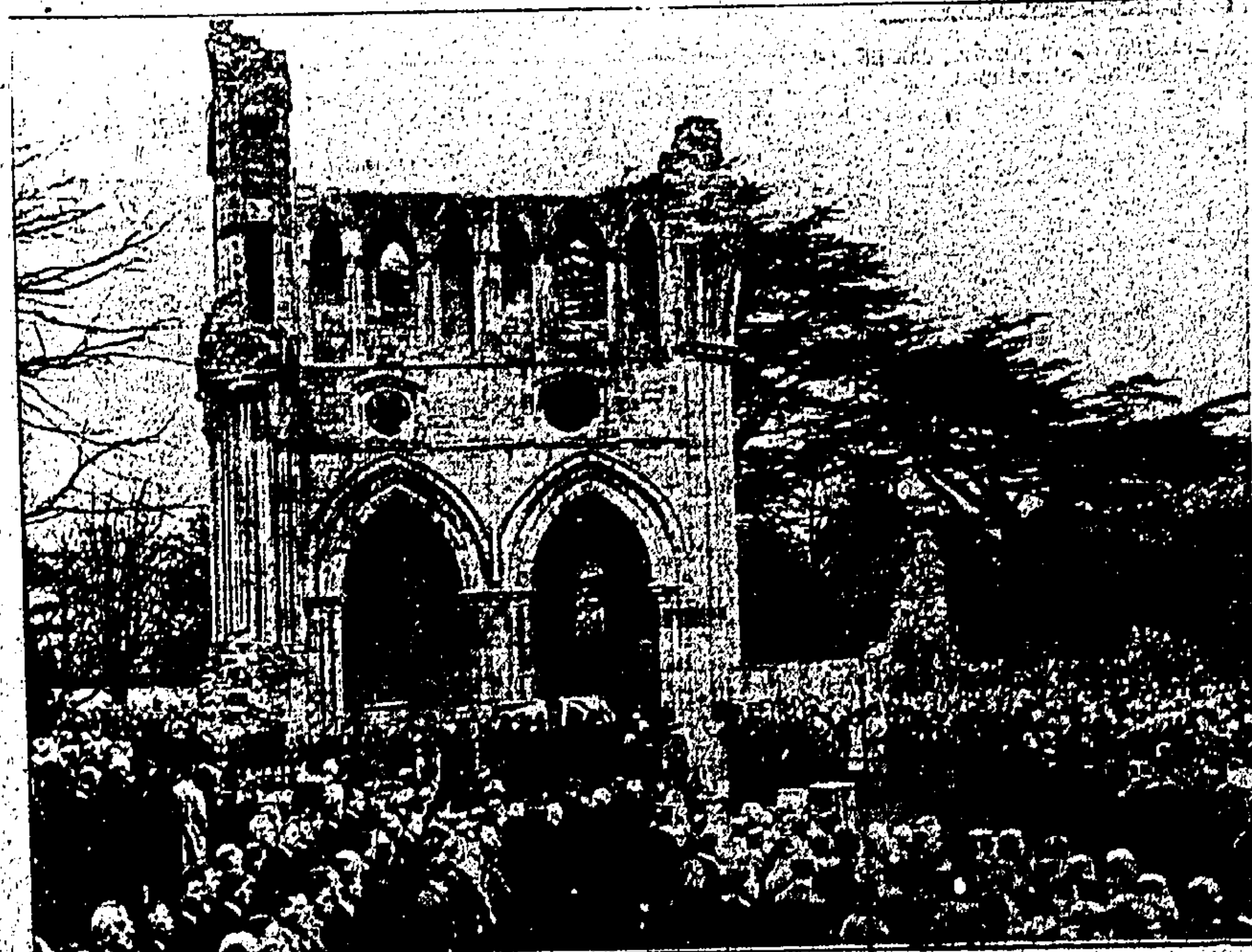
This new picture of M. Clemenceau shows the aged war-time premier in his study in the Rue Franklin, Paris.



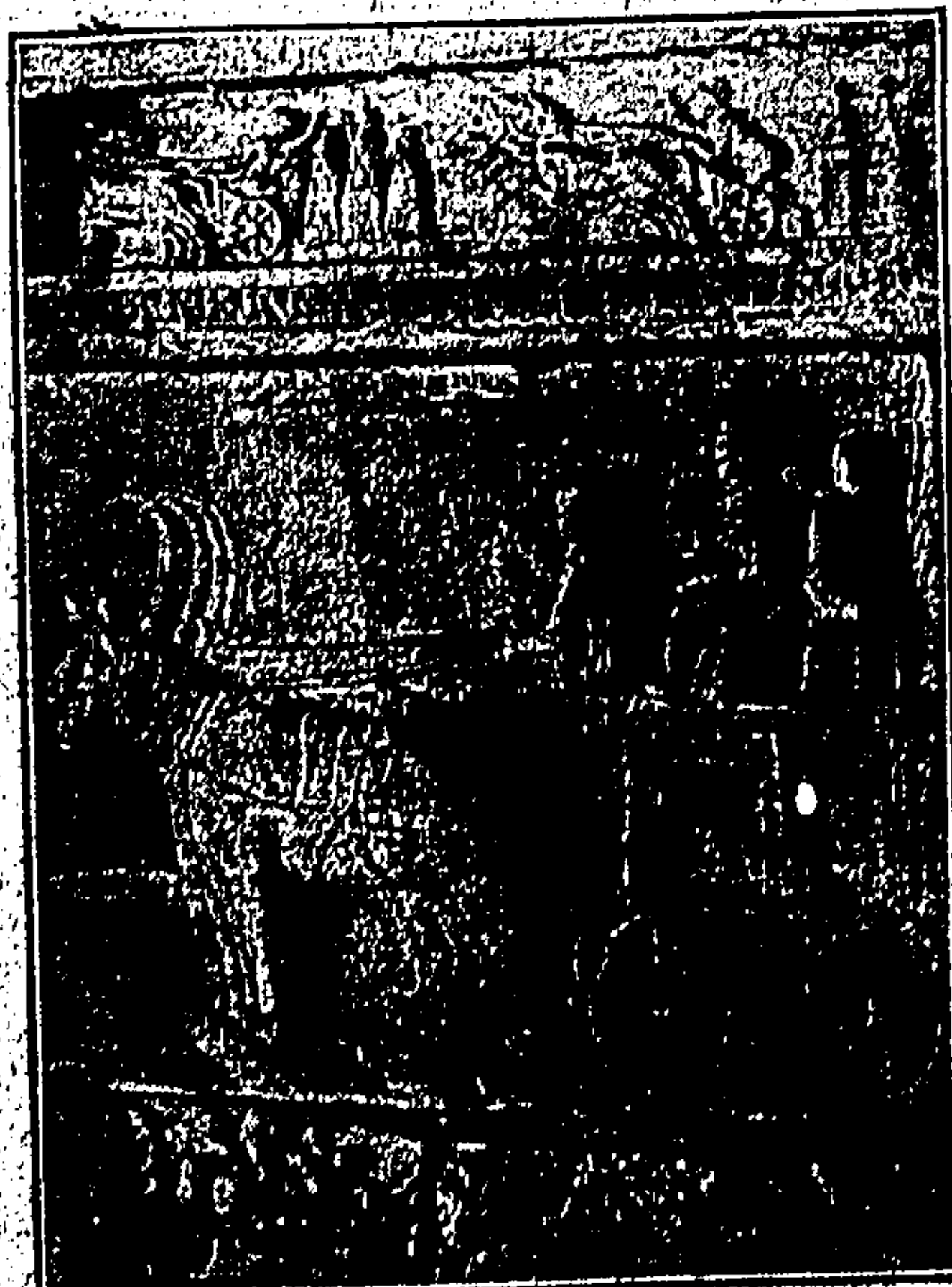
The centenary of the birth of George Meredith, the famous novelist, occurred on February 12. Our picture is an etching of Meredith, by Mr. Mortimer Menpes. He died at his home Flint Cottage, Box Hill, Surrey, in 1909. (Times copyright).



A scene from the film "The King of Kings," which may be filmed shortly in Hongkong.



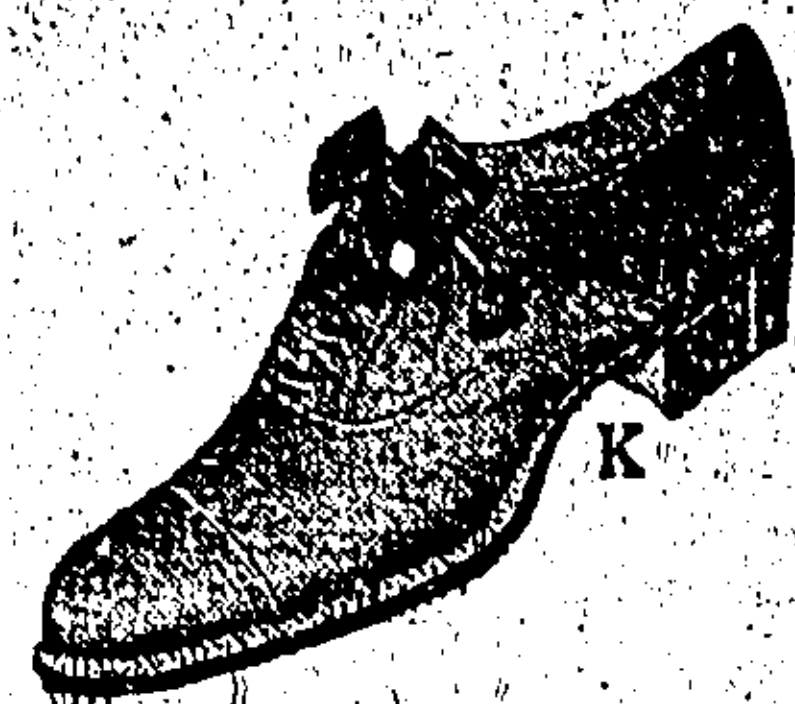
The scene at Dryburgh Abbey, Scotland, as the body of Field-Marshal Lord Haig was carried to the graveside in St. Mary's Aisle. A large crowd, including representatives of ex-Service men, gathered at the Abbey. (Times copyright).



The frieze transferred from the ruins of Vaison to the Museum at Avignon which represents a Gallo-Roman omnibus. (Times copyright).

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Shoes for Men

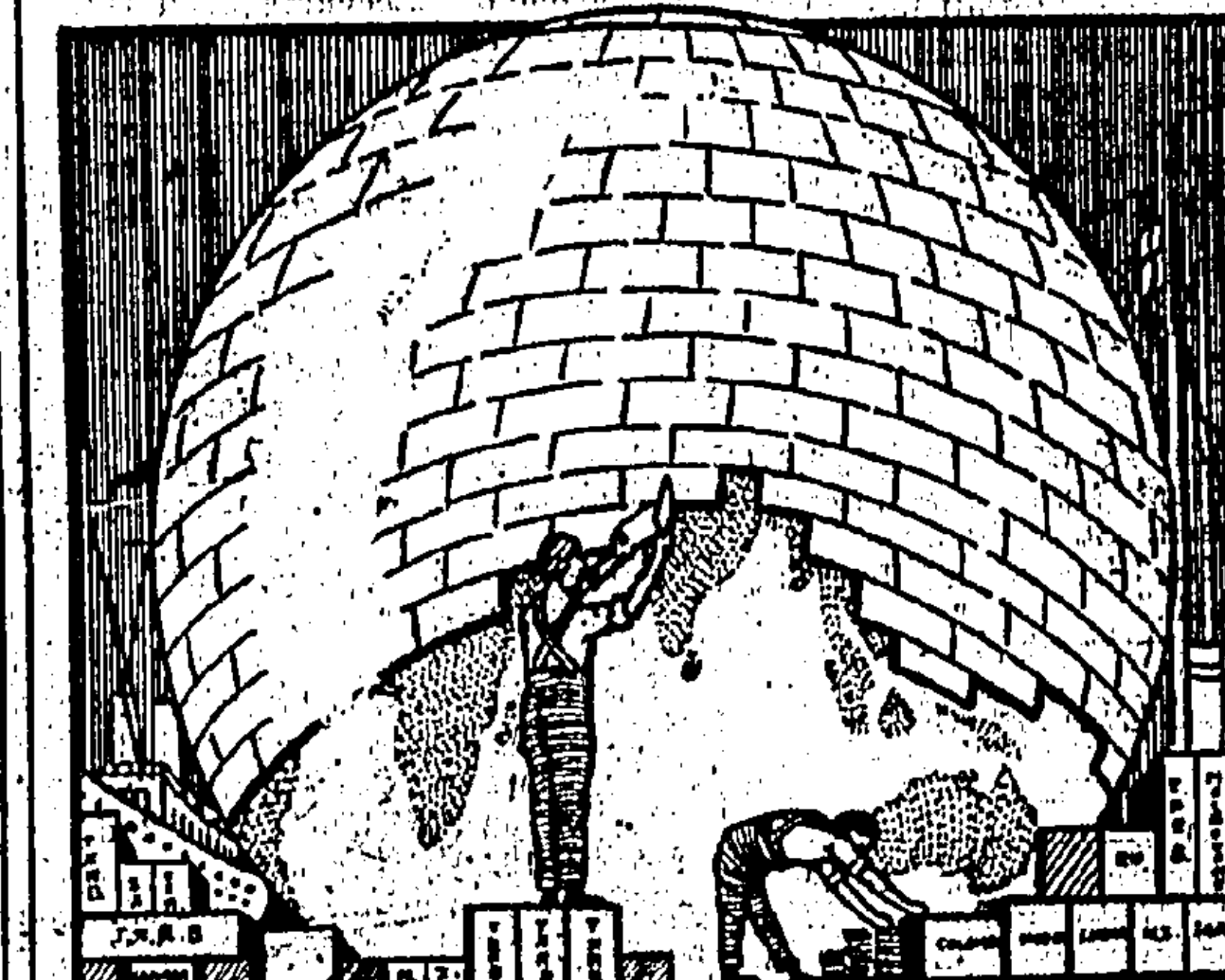


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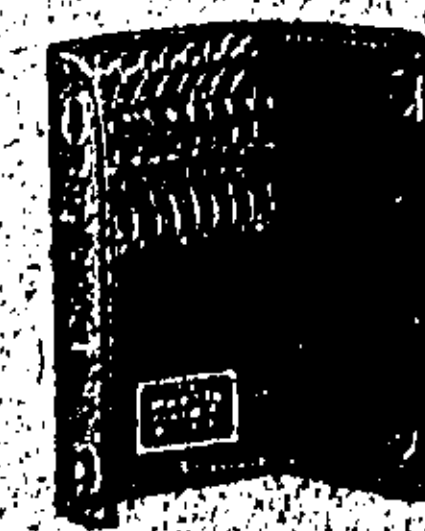
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Under- signed on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1928.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the H.K.C.C. Pavilion on MONDAY, 26th March, at 6 p.m. Clubs intending to participate in the League are requested to send representatives to this meeting.

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION.

The Eighth Annual Dinner of the Association will take place on Saturday the 14th April, 1928, at 8.00 p.m. in the Hall of Queen's College.

Members desiring to attend and to invite guests are requested to communicate with the Hon. Treasurer, Chow Ping Un, Esq., c/o Assurance Franco-Asiatique.

By order of the General Committee,

C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong), on Thursday, the 12th day of April, 1928, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,

C. G. COPLEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1928.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of April, 1928, at 11 a.m.

The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 29th of March to 2nd of April, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

General Managers.

HONGKONG DEVELOPMENT BUILDING & SAVINGS SOCIETY LTD.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

Contributors who have paid the call made on the 5th day of October, 1928, in full, are requested to present their Share Certificates to the undersigned for endorsement.

J. HENNESSEY SETH,
S. HAMPDEN ROSS,
Liquidators.
c/o Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming,
Hongkong, 21st March, 1928.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on Thursday, 22nd March, 1928, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 15th March to 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1928.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 8. 64.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at Cha Kwo Ling, S.D. III, N.T.", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 27th day of March, 1928, for the occupation for a period of one year from the date of notification of acceptance of tender of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about one acre, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th March, 1928, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$50 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1928.

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND KOWLOON.

From 17th March, 1928, until further notice, telephone service between Hongkong and Kowloon will be restricted owing to harbour dredging operations necessitating the removal of our submarine cables and resulting in a reduction in the number of junctions available to carry the telephone traffic between the above mentioned places.

A full service will be restored immediately dredging operations cease.

J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.
Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventeenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 4th April, 1928, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1928.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Third Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 28th March, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 22nd day of March, to Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th Mar., 1928.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

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If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.
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LAMBERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. S. de Ossa to sell by Public Auction

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the 23rd March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his residence, No. 12, Chatham Road, Kowloon,

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Also
A Very Fine Blackwood Dining Room Suite.

Comprising:—
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A Large Assortment of Blackwood Furniture.

On view from Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928.

Catalogues will be issued.

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Hongkong, March 19, 1928.

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CITY POLICE DRAW CORDON ROUND WAREHOUSE.

The deep silence which usually envelops the City of London on a Sunday morning was broken on Feb. 26 at noon by strange sounds which emerged from Farwick's warehouse in Upper Thames-street. The warehouse appeared to be closed, and a passer-by, suspicious of the noises, summoned the police.

Within a few minutes the building was completely surrounded by the police, so that escape from it was impossible either into Upper Thames-street or into the river which backs the Warehouse. The warehouse was searched, and the "criminals" were discovered. They were two men at work on the roof. They had every right to be there, for they were in the firm's employ. The crowd which had gathered to witness the activities of the police dispersed disappointed that no capture had been made.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1265 b.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$332 n.
E. and O., \$94 n.
East Asiatic, \$74 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$675 b.
Union Ins., \$331 n.
North China, Ins., \$143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.45 s.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$750 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$291 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$250 s.
Indo-China, (Def.), \$100 b.
Shell Trans., \$7/6 n.
Union Waterboats, \$201 b.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$2.35 n.
Kallans, 66/- n.
Langkats, \$16 n.
Shai Exploration, \$1.275 b.
Raubs, \$42 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$141 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$481 n.
China Providents, \$61 s.
Hongkows, \$164 b.
New Engineerings, \$1.480 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$1.100 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$1.870 s.
Orientals, \$1.2 b.
Shai Cottons, \$1.58 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$91 s.
H. K. Lands, \$681 b.
Shai Lands, \$1.133 b.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Realities, \$8.15 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$26.15 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$641 n.
China Light, (Comb.) \$18 b.
H'kong Electric, \$711 b.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$4.85 b.
China Buses, \$1.61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$111 s.
Malabons, \$26 n.
Canton Ice, \$4 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$112 s.
Ropes (Old) \$9.40 s.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$211 b.
Watsons, \$141 n.
Der A. Wing, \$1 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3.70 b.
Macintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$10 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

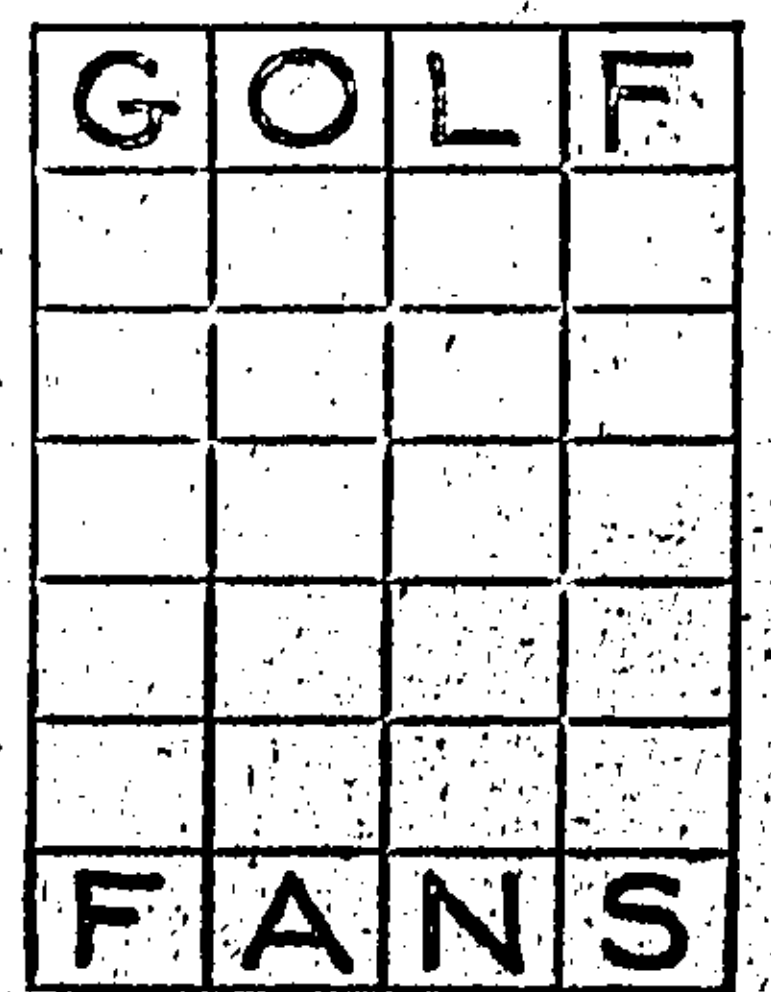
Amusements, \$291 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 6% Prom.

LETTER GOLF.

From GOLF to FANS requires six strokes, according to par, but



the fans, like these puzzles, can be very annoying, sometimes.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
2.—You can change only one letter at a time.
3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICE.

RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICES are now in operation as follows:—
Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippines Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Tchokam, Holhow, Amoy and Foochow, etc.

It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced from \$2.05 to \$1.70 per word from 7th inst.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUN-
TER, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are addressed to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swatow and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Luchow	March 22
Shanghai	Karmala	March 23
Europe via Negapatam, letters only	Eurylochus	March 23
London 23rd February	Eurylochus	March 23
Japan, Shanghai and Europe, via	Kashima Maru	March 23
Siberia	President Adams	March 24
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-	Sunning	March 24
hai	Takliwa	March 24
Shanghai	Lahore	March 25
Europe via Negapatam, Papers	Takada	March 25
London 23rd February	Mirzapore	March 25
Straits	President Cleveland	March 26
Shanghai	Empress of Asia	March 26
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-	Porches	March 27
hai	Mantua	March 27
Manila	Aratuna	April 2
Australia and Manila	Empress of Canada	April 5
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shang-		
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Sam Shui and Wuchow	San Ning	Thurs, Mar. 22, 4 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Ho Sang	Fri, Mar. 23, Noon
	Letters	1.00 p.m.
Haliphong	Tonkin	Fri, Mar. 23, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Fri, Mar. 23, 2 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	Fri, Mar. 23, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon and South Africa	Hawaii Maru	Sat, Mar. 24, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Kwangtung	Sat, Mar. 24, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru	Sat, Mar. 24, K.P.O.
	Registration	23rd 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	24th 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	24th 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	24th 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 22nd April)	

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Karmala	Sat, Mar. 24, K.P.O.
	Parcels	Mar. 23rd 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Mar. 24, 9 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 21st April)	

Amoy	Anking	Sat, Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tacoma Maru	Sat, Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun, Mar. 25, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	Sun, Mar. 25, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Lahore	Mon, Mar. 26, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hop Sang	Mon, Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Porches	Tues, Mar. 27, K.P.O.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 27th April)	

Saloon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Mar- sailles	Portbos	Tues, Mar 27, K. P. O.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
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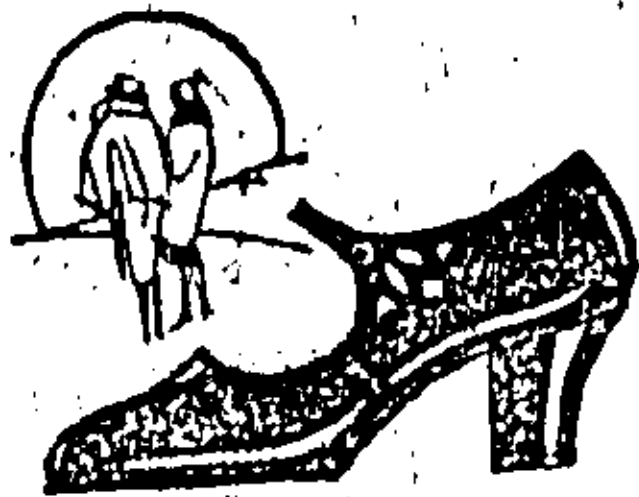
LESS FOOD, MORE EXERCISE.
USEFUL NOTES ABOUT
INDIGESTION.

In these days of motor buses, trams and motor-cars most people walk too little and eat too much. The result is indigestion, thin blood and defective circulation. Commonly felt symptoms are chest and stomach pains, aches in the small of the back, cold hands and feet, and a general feeling of lassitude; you feel unable to work with your usual energy and ambition.

What is needed in a case of this sort is a course of Dr. Williams' pink pills. These pills put oxygen in the blood and give you more strength and energy. Confirmation of this is found in the statement of Mr. T. Palmer, of 12 Derwent Street, Holbeck, Leeds, who states:

"I suffered tortures from indigestion. The pain in my stomach, chest and between the shoulders never left me; I couldn't eat, I was vomiting and losing weight so much that I was getting alarmed. The pains in my body and behind my eyes were maddening. Then I read about Dr. Williams' pink pills and sent for a supply. The pills seemed to do me good from the start, and so I carried on with them. First my appetite came back, and then the awful pains began gradually to lessen in intensity and, finally, to disappear. Now I feel a different man."

All chemists sell Dr. Williams' pink pills, or post free \$1.50 per bottle, \$8.00 for six bottles from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Klange Road, Shanghai.



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Hongkong.

Paris, Feb. 26.—A farmer near Briande has for three days held at bay four brigades of gendarmes. He has barricaded himself in his farm, and fires at anyone who approaches. Ten gendarmes have been used, but without success, owing to the strong wind. The farmer was recently sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment and 200 francs (\$12s) fine for assaulting a bailiff.

OUR DAILY TALK ON
HEALTH.WOMAN'S HEART SMALLER
THAN MAN'S.

NUMBER OF BEATS MORE.

The bodies of men and women differ not only in the external characteristics and in their internal organs that are specific for each sex, but also in the general reactions of the body to various conditions.

Physiologists in the University of Michigan have made a special study of differences in the heart action of the two sexes. The term here used refers to the physical powers of the heart and not to the emotional reactions, which constitute an entirely different story.

The sexes were compared by studying the reaction of the heart while men and women were standing, sitting and lying down.

Apparently the heart of the woman beats just as vigorously as that of a man. Indeed, the period of contraction is longer in the heart of a woman, apparently because the heart of the woman has more blood to pump relative to the size of the body than does that of a man.

Probably also the contraction is longer because the hearts of women are smaller in proportion to the size of the body.

The weight of the heart of man is about 10 per cent. more than that of a woman of equal body weight. Apparently this is due to the fact that men have always had a greater amount of physical activity.

The pulse rate and the number of heart beats are greater in women than in men, and they slow down less under the influence of gravity and position.

These figures all seem to be due to the same factor; namely, the fact that the heart of the woman is smaller and that it pumps a greater volume of blood in relationship to the size of the body.

WORLD THEATRE.

"YOU NEVER KNOW WOMEN"
TO-DAY.

"Something new in the way of motion picture production is promised in 'You Never Know Women,' which is to be shown at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The story, which is an original one by Ernest Vajda, the Hungarian playwright, deals with the life behind the scenes of a vaudeville company. The magician is in love with the leading lady, but he finds himself supplanted by a wealthy idler. The plan he adopts to show the girl where her affection really lies provides a dramatic climax. The settings of 'You Never Know Women' are bizarre and the atmosphere is skilfully suggested. Florence Vidor, Lowell Sherman and Clive Brook head an excellent cast. A number of famous vaudeville players also appear and the remarkable 'turns' they perform before the camera give the picture a special interest.

ENGLISH FILMS BEST.

AMERICAN MONEY TALKS
ABOUT PICTURES OF EUROPE.

Paris, Feb. 26. France has 4,000 cinema houses, Germany 4,300, and England 3,800, reports Mr. C. R. Canty, Trade Commissioner of the American Embassy in Paris.

Mr. Canty warns American investors not to put their money in motion-picture theatres in either France or Germany.

He declares that England is the only country to Europe offering prospects of good profits.

British film production may be expected to increase, he says.

The British have done more in the way of large theatre construction than any other people in Europe. Still, there is room for even greater improvement.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Lovely Frocks.

SEEN AT LONDON THEATRE.

"Clowns in Clover," the all-British revue at the Adelphi Theatre, is so crammed with good things that it is difficult to separate one from another. There are very lovely girls, very lovely frocks, bubbling tunes and bubbling wit.

This new production might well cause Mr. Jack Hulbert to adapt the famous Broadway slogan to his own use, and announce in large electric letters that it is to be "Glorification of English Beauty." For the chorus deserve it. They are as charming and as well trained as any American company, and thus dispel the idea that English girls cannot achieve perfect team work.

Ideas to be stolen. Fancy dress enthusiasts will find some really new suggestions for their carnival clothes. The clowns and clownesses in "Ye Olde Harlequinade" are most attractive in bright blue covered with fantastic patterns in orange-red, and the new feature about the traditional outline is a loose trouser leg attached only to the ankle.

But perhaps the most striking stage picture of the evening is given in the scene called "On the Wings of Love." This very beautiful set shows a background of vivid night blue, against which one first sees the silhouettes of the minarets and towers of an Eastern city. These, however, prove to be figures in head-dresses and cloaks of black velvet, which open to disclose linings of bright gold.

The Modern Note. June expresses the last minute in the world of modern clothes when she appears in a sporting Cup model Austin Seven, dressed in a suit of white cloth, trimmed with cream, fox fur. The coat is just hip length, and opens to show a pink and white striped sweater, and the whole is completed by a pull-on hat of white felt.

Again in "The Match-maker" she wore fox fur, but this time a smoky blue shade on a velvet coat, which reminds one of the bloom of dark plums. In this same scene Miss Irene Russell displays a grey georgette frock, pleated from neck to the hem, which has a woven pattern in silver above a band of black velvet which also edges the sleeves, wide at the wrists.

Costly simplicity is the most attractive note in our clothes at the present time, but so few of us can afford the joy of eliminating "touches," those dreadful pitfalls for the woman with small means. After seeing the frocks in "Clowns in Clover" you leave the theatre with the sad thought that the "simple little frock" does not exist outside a mile circle of Albemarle-street.

Some Useful Tips.

FOR HALF-WORN BLANKETS.

Blankets which have worn too thin to be serviceable on a bed are useful for many purposes, including those for which felt or hals is generally bought. Small smooth pieces, cut to the necessary shapes and dyed to match the colour scheme of the dining-room, make excellent mats for polished tables. The raw edges may be buttonholed with self-coloured wool. A long strip will serve instead of the felt often placed under the sideboard cloth when hot dishes are to stand on it. Plate baskets may be re-lined with blanketing, dyed dark green. Larger pieces, double if necessary, make pram covers, the two thick-nesses being joined by buttonholing. A double bed blanket, if in fair condition, will yield sufficient material for an infant's coat. The best parts should be dyed, and the coat then cut from them in the ordinary manner.

CHILDREN MUST GO
REGULARLY.

Going to the dentist seems to hold such a horror for most people that the expression "as bad as going to the dentist" has become symbolical for something very unpleasant indeed.

In the old days of perambulating dentists who used to go round the village fairs with their own brass band, consisting generally of an ancient cornet and a drum, and haul out teeth for sixpence a time, there was indeed something to be afraid of. The band was to drown the shrieks of the

Wonderful Fabrics.

SUNSET-RED FROCKS.

Debutantes of 1928 will wear tulle, chiffon, georgette and satin beaute at the Royal Courts.

The girl with dark fluffy hair will probably choose kingcup yellow or blush rose for her presentation frock; the possessor of a fair shingle may decide on soft hydrangea blue or primrose colour.

There is a gold gauze embroidered in tiny beads in an Oriental

Princess in Regal Dress.



Princess Ingrid, daughter of Sweden's reigning house, in the gorgeous ermine and laced costume in which she made her formal bow to the Swedish court at the royal palace in Stockholm.

unfortunate patients, so that later ones might not be put off!

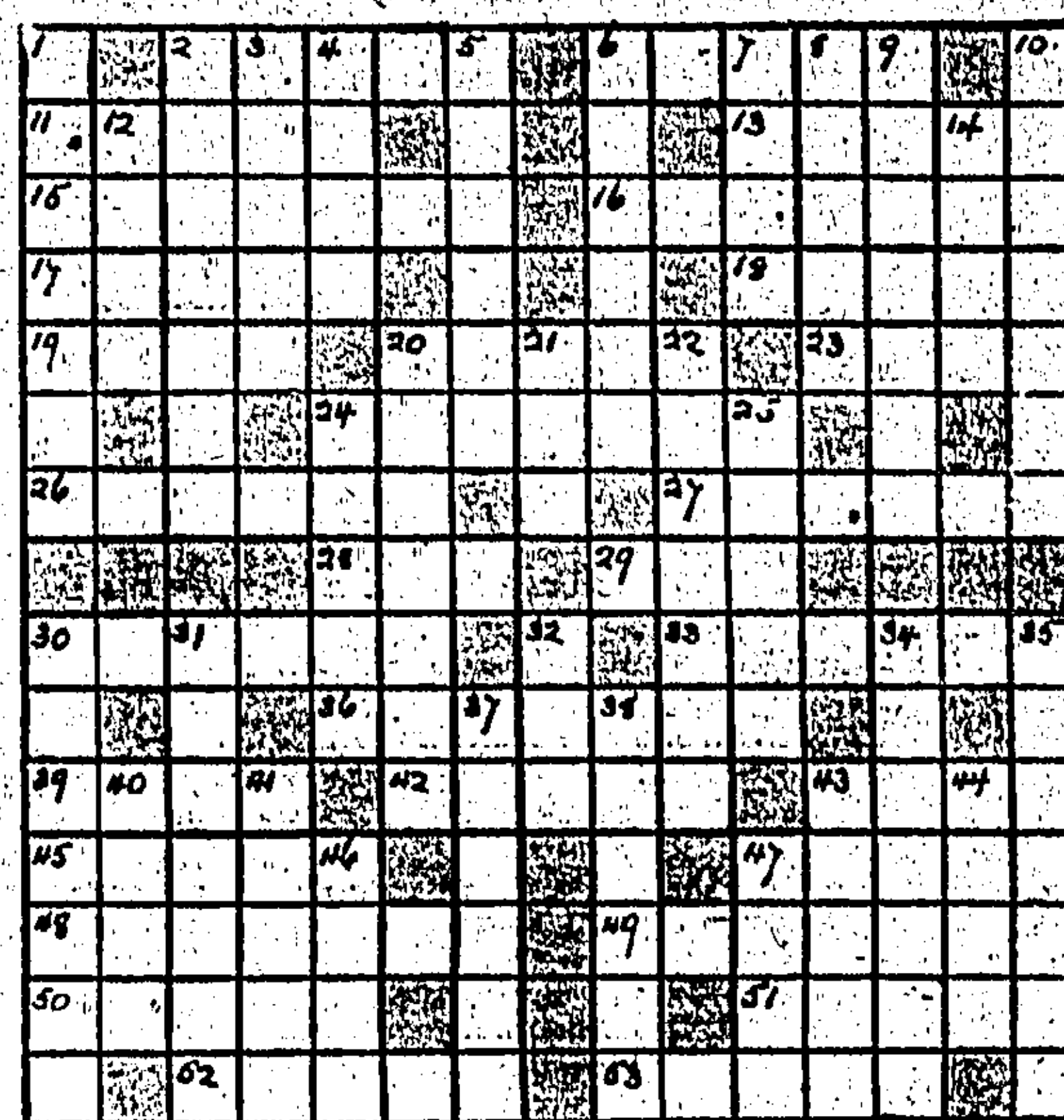
Everyone should visit the dentist regularly, say twice a year, but most of us are either too lazy or too nervous, or even more probably, we are procrastinators and put off the day indefinitely, but, at any rate, we ought to make a point of seeing that the children go regularly. It is such a pity to let even the milk teeth decay simply from lack of attention, for if the milk teeth are gone there is little chance of the permanent teeth being sound.

design which must be one of the most delightful things in the world of fashion to-day.

Sunset red—a beautiful colour in electric light—is likely to be a favourite, and others are almond green, pink pearl and chert green.

The Queen has passed four Court gowns, and coloured sketches of these will be on view shortly at the Lord Chamberlain's office.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.
2 Situations.
6 Encounters.
11 Short for telephone.
13 Plentiful.
15 Poed of swine in woods.
16 Fabled marine creature.
17 Sea-eagles.
18 Prevailing course.
19 Imitator.
20 Become wild from state of domestication.
23 Prong.
24 Pertaining to the two great crises.
26 Female relation.
27 Warblings.
28 Gleam.
29 Recompense.
30 Beaten.
32 Elevated.
33 Resembling.
38 Speck.
42 African beast of burden.
43 Back part of the neck.
45 Earth.
46 Persian wheel.
48 Single clause.
49 Porfumed.
50 Relation.
51 Frighten.
52 Birds' homes.
53 Ascended.

Down.
1 Schema.
3 Short poems of fourteen lines.
3 Interior.
4 Afternoon meals.
5 Pierce.
6 Flight.
7 Portion.
8 Plamiz.

9 Kind of dog.
10 Remedy.
12 Musical stringed instrument.
14 Jung's animal.
22 Appl. A to induction electricity.
21 Noise.
22 Not figurative.
24 Spaces substitute of feathers.
25 Dismal.
26 Remote in place.
31 Curtail.
32 Faint.
34 Undaunted.
35 Feared.
37 Manufacturers.
38 Smaller.
40 Sort of spiritual being.
41 Moment.
42 Present occasion.
44 Mole.
46 Highest cards.
47 Cape.

Yesterday's Solution.

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PILLION GIRL'S DEATH.
LEFT UNCONSCIOUS IN ROAD
AFTER ACCIDENT.

Severe censure was passed on a motorcyclist at the inquest at Hinckley, Leicestershire, on Doris Geary, 22, a local young woman, who was found by a bus driver dying on the roadside at 11 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 18.

Following a police appeal the cyclist made a statement. According to the evidence Geary, a friend, Dorothy Nowell, met two strange men in an inn, and the next night went for million rides with them on their motorbicycles. Geary fell off and died from laceration of the brain.

Pierce Albert Humphries, metal worker, of Weddington, Nuneaton, with whom Geary rode, stated that when he was approaching Hinckley, his machine wobbled, taking him right across the road and throwing the girl off. He stopped, turning back, and found her lying on the road. He caught her by the arms and tried to get her to speak.

The Coroner: What then? Being a married man I lost my head. I got on my machine and went home.

The Coroner: You left that poor girl alone in the gutter, unconscious; you treated her a great deal worse than people treat dogs.

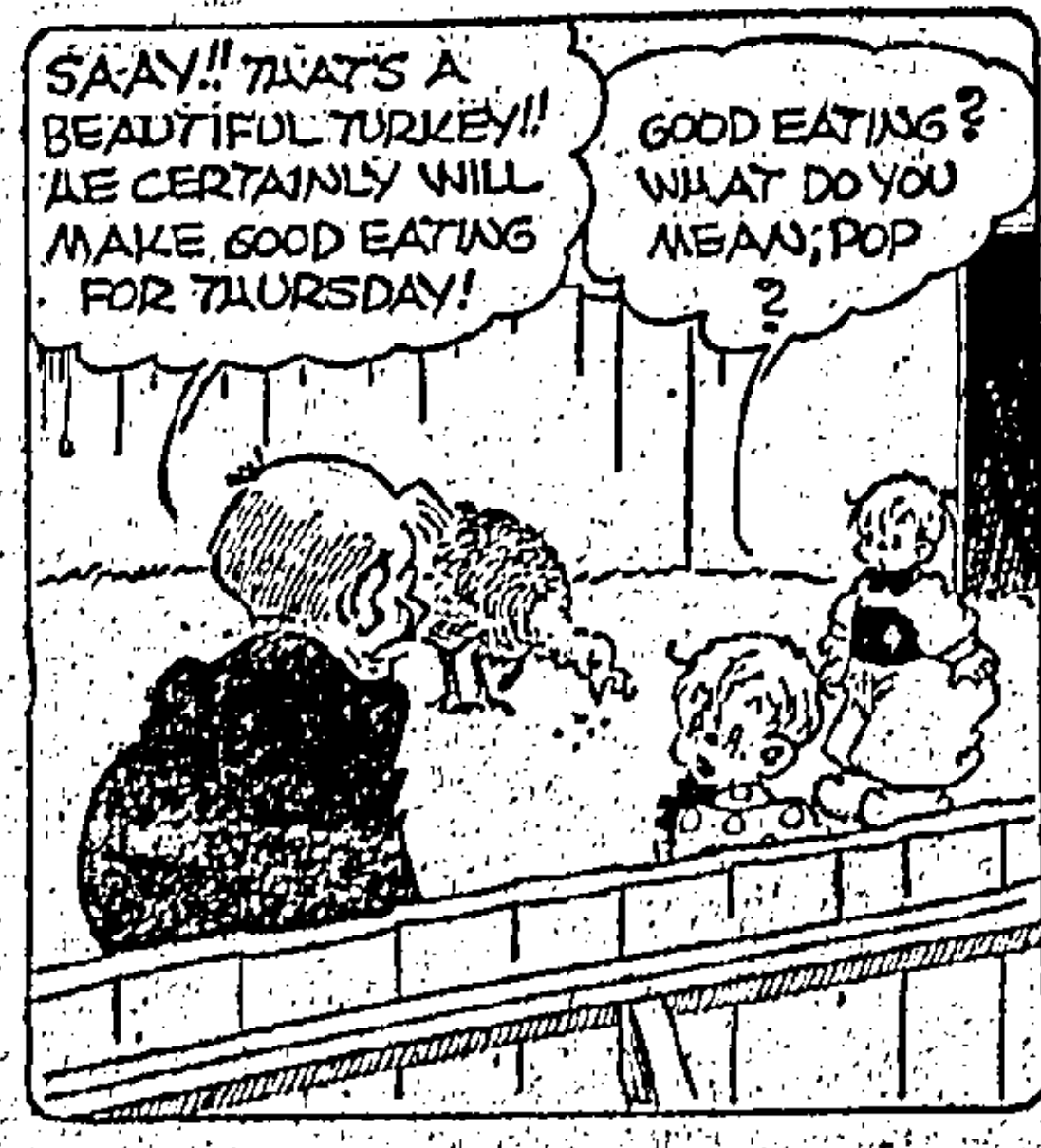
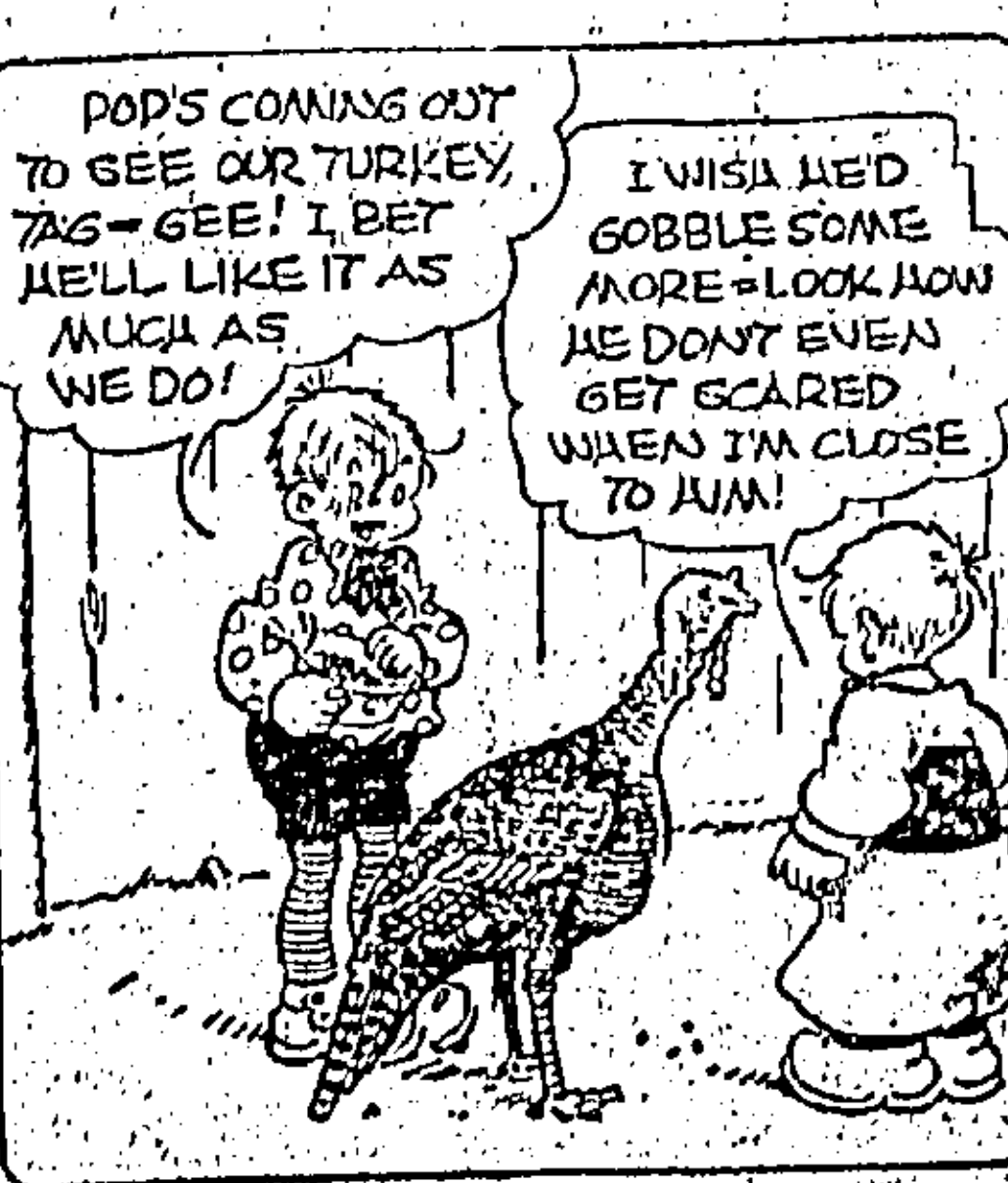
The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," and stated

DOUGLAS MACLEAN.
"HOLD THAT LION" AT THE
STAR.

Some clever and unusual comedy situations are to be seen in Douglas MacLean's latest picture, "Hold That Lion," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day, where it will be shown until Saturday. The story deals with the erratic love affair of a young man who follows the girl of his heart around the world, and finally overtaken her in the African wilds. Here he joins a "cat" hunt only to discover too late that "cat" is the big game hunter's term for "lion." His experiences in the jungle are more than a little varied and are the means of providing many laughs and thrills. Constance Howard is the heroine, and Walter Hiers, George Pearce and Cyril Chadwick contribute in no small measure to the fun. The scenes in Africa are quite realistic, and the wild beasts are very cleverly introduced.

that the motorcyclist deserved severe censure. The Coroner, addressing Humphries, said that to say anything to a person of his mentality who could leave a girl lying in the gutter, not knowing whether she was dead or alive, was a waste of words. If that would not be a lesson to him he could not imagine anything in this world that would

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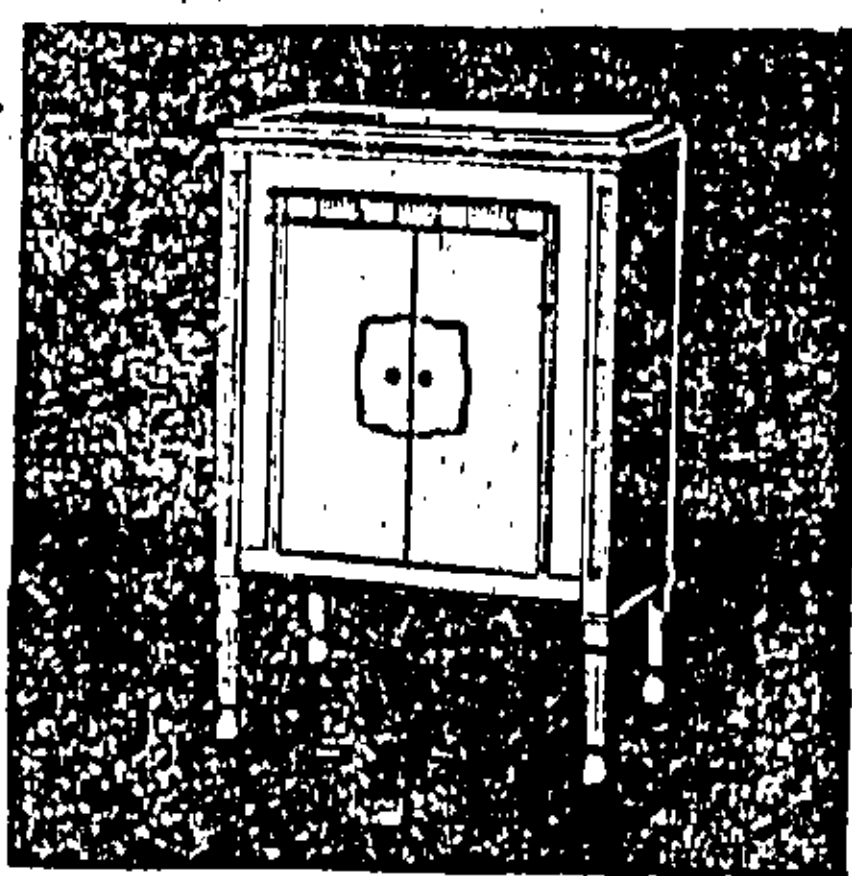
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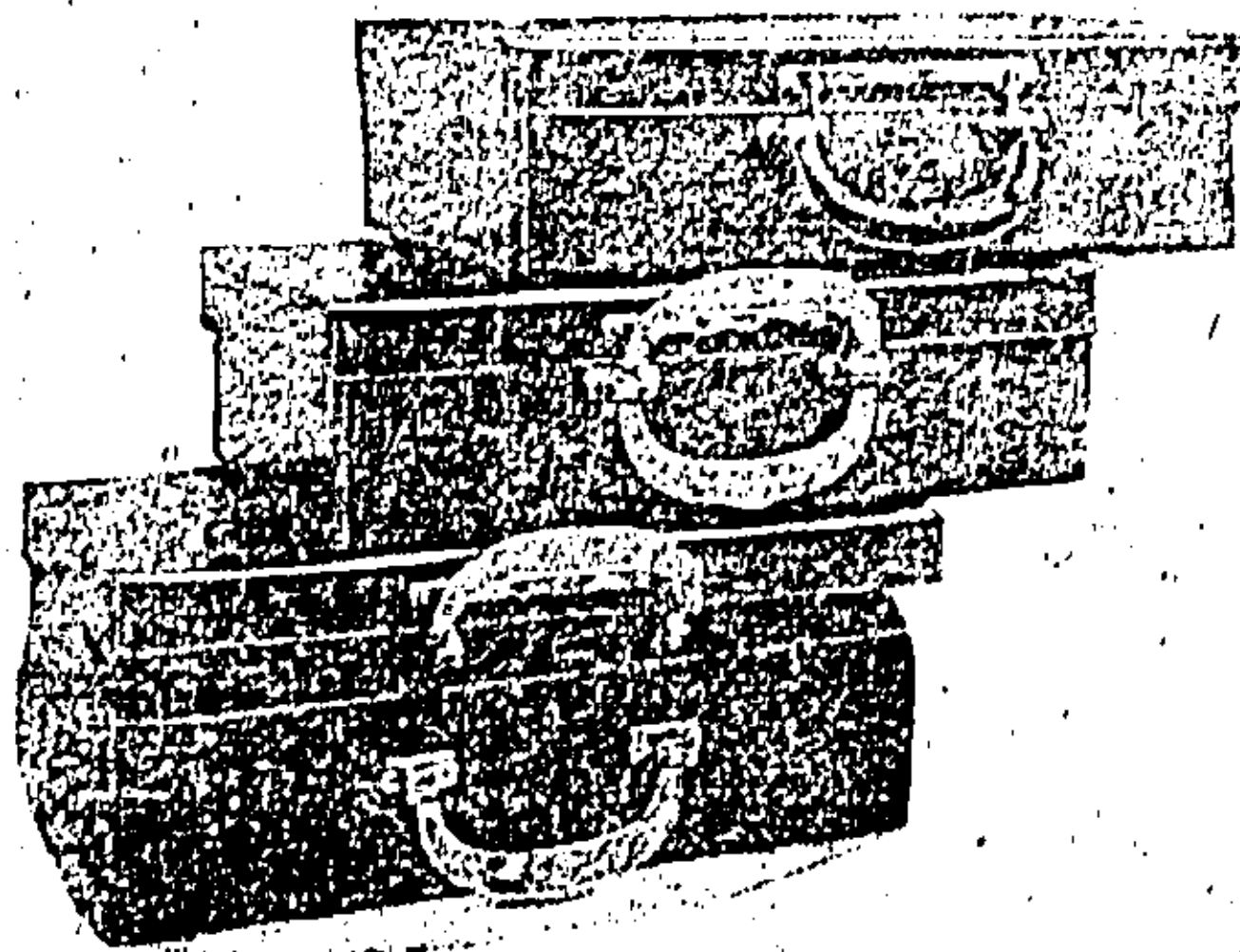
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THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1928.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

Labour members of Parliament are still adhering to their policy of obstruction in regard to the Singapore naval base. A week or so ago, an attempt was made to secure a reduction in the vote earmarked for this project, but, like so many other Labour motions, it failed. Since then, there have been further criticisms from the same quarter.

What must strike the average reader of Parliamentary debates on this subject is that Labour is always bringing forward rather senseless pleas either for the curtailment of expenditure on the undertaking, or for the abandonment of the whole scheme. Last week, it was suggested that we should await the outcome of the American proposals for outlawing war before spending more money on the scheme, and further arguments brought forward were that the site was unhealthy and was, moreover, exposed to attack from the land. On the first-named of these points, we cannot see that the United States academic agitation against war is likely to have effects making any modification of the naval base project necessary, whilst the argument of Singapore being an unhealthy spot can certainly be regarded as an undue emphasis of a factor of quite secondary importance. Some strange conceptions of climatic conditions in Singapore have now and then been disclosed by the comment of people who do not know what they are writing about—witness the recent observations of a prominent writer at home to the effect that white troops could never be stationed there and that Indian troops could not be regarded as satisfactory in view of the mutiny of some years ago! With regard to the vulnerability of the site, we have no doubt that this aspect of the question has been thoroughly explored both by military and naval experts.

Further evidence of needless Labour concern is now forthcoming in the allegations made in the House of Commons on Tuesday to the effect that the conditions under which War Department employees are obliged to live in Singapore are a disgrace to Britain. We assume that the reference is to native employees, and that, as they have often done when dealing with labour conditions in the Far East, the Labourites

have been making the ridiculous mistake of contrasting native pay with the standards prevailing in England. We have, however, the assurance of the Secretary for War that the workers are being employed in accordance with fair local rates of pay. Yet another Labour criticism which appears to be based on lack of knowledge is the enquiry by Mr. Mardy Jones as to whether Japanese planters have bought up large tracts of land which are militarily of great importance from the standpoint of the Singapore defences. It is, of course, quite possible that Japanese rubber interests have secured land for the purposes of planting, but we decline to be scared by such an ordinary commercial development. We certainly see no cause for undue suspicion, as the Labourite apparently does.

On this naval base question, as on many others concerned with Imperial defence, the Labour Party appears to hold essentially parochial ideas. It refuses to see that a base bordering on the Pacific is imperative. Mention was made by a Labourite in last week's debate that there is accommodation available at Hongkong, but the point appears to have been overlooked that, by the terms of the Washington Convention, we are not permitted to extend the station here. That was certainly a factor in the selection of Singapore as the site of the base. We all know how keenly Australia and New Zealand are supporting the scheme, and as Admiralty experts are convinced of its necessity, it does seem to us that it is high time Labour ceased its ill-informed criticisms. In saying so much, we incline to the view that expenditure should be watched, so that there may be no extravagance, but on the general question of the desirability of pushing on with the undertaking there can be little room for divergence of opinion.

Plain Speaking.

Lord Cushendun's Celtic spirit appears to have been thoroughly roused by the cool effrontery of the Russian delegates to the Disarmament Commission. Where General di Marini and M. Clausel, temporised by venturing the thought that the Russian total disarmament plan was neither acceptable nor rejectable as a whole, the British representative went straight to fundamentals, replied to M. Litvinoff's two questions by three more pertinent ones, threw considerable doubt on the bona fides of the Russian proposals; in a word, thoroughly castigated the Soviet, present and past. The attack surprised the assemblage, perhaps because subtlety, which is inherently a composition of British political oratory, was missing, but Lord Cushendun is to be commended for his vigorous declaration of British opinion. He seized on a point which appears to have been missed by the majority of the delegates. Throughout the ponderous document with its 63 Articles, the Soviet has studiously declined to recognise the existence of the League of Nations. On the contrary, it seeks to establish an entirely new body, containing naturally enough, references to "bourgeois" and "bolshevik" classes. To seek to debate the question under the auspices of the League can be regarded as little better than calculated impertinence, while Lord Cushendun did not hesitate to discover a motive, the sabotage of the League. We need not go into the British delegate's reminders to M. Litvinoff of Soviet interference with the domestic affairs of other countries, and the obvious point that unless Russia was prepared radically to change her foreign policy, her attitude constitutes the greatest obstacle to the far-reaching proposals which she has brought forward. It will be universally agreed that the ideal is one to be cherished, but its attainment is not feasible in the present generation, nor the next.

The proceeds of the concert and fair play given by the children of the Garrison School in aid of the Ministering Children's League on March 1 and 2 amounted to \$221.45, which sum is being handed over to the Treasurer of the Military Branch.

DAY BY DAY.

WHEN A PARTY SPLITS IT GOES SEVERAL WAYS, NONE OF WHICH LEADS TO WESTMINSTER.

Yesterday's health return shows two Chinese cases of small-pox.

The B. I. s.s. Takliwa, from Amoy, is due here on Saturday afternoon.

The P. and O. s.s. Mirzapore, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 25th instant.

H.E. The Governor will lay the foundation stone of the new St. Stephen's College premises at Stanley on April 27th.

The motor vessel Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on the 17th March and is due here on or about the 27th April.

There will be a children's afternoon at the Helena May Institute on Friday, 30th March, at 6 p.m. (Children's songs, Games and stories).—Advt.

The s.s. Seistan, arriving from Singapore with 97 deck passengers, reports the death of one Chinese male en route on March 19th from chronic malaria.

The ordinary general meeting of the Douglas Steamship Company, Ltd., will be held at the Company's offices, P. and O. Building, on Monday, April 2, at 11 a.m.

We are asked to state that the billiards match between Mr. E. D. Bush and Mr. A. J. Osmund, at the Club Lusitano to-night, will start at 9 p.m., instead of 9.15 p.m.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. H. S. Martin, assistant accountant, 673 Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Z. Laikovetsky, 333 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The s.s. New Mathilde, arriving from Haiphong and Hoihow, reports the death of a Chinese quartermaster, Leong Chan, at Hongkong, on March 15th, the cause being given as tubercular pneumonia.

The s.s. Sanning, arriving from Wuchow last night, was in collision with s.s. Kwong Tung whilst berthing. Minor damage was inflicted to both ships, but this was insufficient to delay the sailing of either vessel.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a heavy list of arrivals and departures, with British tonnage topping the list with 17 and 10 under the respective headings. Tonnage was not as good as might have been expected under the circumstances, but there were some good cargoes registered. British carried three of the four heaviest freights of the day, while the national total under both headings was well over 30,000 tons. At 9 a.m. there remained 60 vessels in harbour, of which 24 were British.

AMERICA'S HIGHEST HONOUR.

LINDBERGH DECORATED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, Mar. 21.

The blue ribbon of the Congressional Medal of Honour, the rarest American tribute to courage and initiative, was placed round the shoulders of Colonel Lindbergh, the famous aviator, by President Coolidge, who most heartily congratulated the recipient on achieving the greatest personal triumph ever gained by an American citizen.

The ceremony was witnessed by the highest public officials in Washington.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MURDER OF CUSTOMS EMPLOYEE.

HANOI PILOT GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

Hanoi, Mar. 22.

The river pilot, Alexis, indicted for the murder of M. Noel, a Customs employee, has been sentenced to penal servitude for life by the Criminal Court.—*Indo-Pacific.*

Alexis, a pilot employed on the rivers in Tonkin, was charged with the murder of Noel, a Customs officer, by beating him to death with a spanner, taken from a car in which they had proceeded from Haiphong to a lonely spot in a plantation. Afterwards, Alexis sowed up the body in a sack and dumped it into the river near Hanoi. The case has caused a great sensation throughout French Indo-China, later intensified by allegations that while the accused man was carrying on the occupation of a river-pilot he was also engaged in banditry and the perpetration of frauds on a large scale.

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

PARTIES WILLING, BUT MONEY NEEDED.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to prosecute a Chinese on a charge of harbouring a girl under the age of 21.

The defendant said that the girl had wanted to marry him and had gone to his place in Ping Shan, in Chinese territory. They later came to Hongkong. The girl's mother had seen him about her daughter and the defendant had promised to pay her the necessary money for the marriage. He had heard nothing from the mother who had received the suggestion with disfavour.

His Worship said that the defendant's statement amounted to a plea of guilty.

Mr. Williams said this was a case which he had not been very anxious to bring to Court. The girl was keen on the man and he was willing to marry her, but no amiable agreement could be come to, on account of the defendant being unable to produce the money.

His Worship, after consideration, said that he was inclined to bind the defendant over to come up for judgment when called upon, but on Mr. Williams remarking that that would not probably satisfy the girl's mother, his Worship adjourned the case until Saturday for consideration.

FLED FROM "RED" TERROR.

CHINESE WOMEN GAIN THE COURT'S SYMPATHY.

Two elderly Chinese women told a tragic story to the Kowloon Magistrate this morning when they were charged with having a quantity of pine needles in their possession at Customs Pass, Kowloon City.

The defendants admitted having taken the pine from a Government Plantation but pleaded that they were strangers and did not know they were committing any offence. They had only recently arrived in the Colony from the Hoihow district, from which they had been driven by the Communists, who had destroyed their houses and property. They came to Hongkong as refugees and were penniless. As soon as conditions improved in their country, they would return.

His Worship said that, under the circumstances, he would register a conviction and merely caution the defendants.

MERCANTILE BANK.

FINAL DIVIDEND NOW ANNOUNCED.

The local office of the Mercantile Bank of India has received a telegram from the London office advising that at the annual general meeting of shareholders a final dividend of 8% on the "A," "B," and "C" shares will be declared (making 16% for the year 1927, less Income Tax); that \$35,000 be carried to Reserve Fund; and that \$164,000 be carried forward.

"THE LAST OF MRS. CHEYNEY" IN FRENCH.

Paris, Feb. 26.

"The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" was successfully produced last night at the Theatre Daunou, with Mlle. Jane Renouard in the name part. To compensate for Mr. Lonsdale's crispness of dialogue, M. Louis Verneuil, the adapter who cannot rival the author in this, has made use of various phrases not usually heard in polite society, which give the French public a queer idea of English aristocratic manners. The plot thus construed is a phantasm, but the play was well received and pleased the first night public.

Mlle. Jane Renouard, who is a great popular favourite, made a charming Mrs. Cheyney, while Paul Amiot was admirable as Charles the burglar-butler.

RAIN STILL EXPECTED.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anti-cyclone is central over North China. The depression is central to the North-east of Hokkaido. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea.

The forecast up to noon tomorrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; generally cloudy; some rain later.

The Very Idea!

Teacher (in commercial geography lesson)—"Now, can anybody tell me where we find mangos?"

Precocious Child—"Yes, sir, where women go."

A Riga girl who had been dismissed from a cotton mill confessed after her arrest that in revenge she set fire to the premises, destroying \$40,000 worth of property, and rendering 500 workers idle.

Mr. Clarke Hall, at Old-street Police Court: Were you drunk? Woman: No, I was intoxicated. Solicitor, at Bow County Court: They went home after the quarrel? Man: A policeman took charge of them; I don't think he took them home.

Wife at Kingston: The last money I had from my husband was 2s. 6d. and a calendar for 1928.

Everybody knows the old story of the impossibility of selling sovereigns for a shilling. It is still as true as ever, as Tom Griffiths, Labour member of Parliament has just proved. Among his change for a 2s note at the lobby post-office of the House of Commons, Mr. Griffiths was handed a golden sovereign. Since 1914 gold coin has not circulated in England, and Mr. Griffiths at once decided to have some fun with his fellow-members. "Will you give me half a crown for this sovereign?" he demanded of several fellow M.P.s. A chorus of derisive laughter greeted him. "Not to-day, thanks," one legislator said. "We've seen 'em before, Tom," laughed another. Mr. Griffiths lowered the price to a shilling, but there were still no takers. And then he walked back to the postoffice and exchanged the coin for a pound note, which he ostentatiously folded and placed in his pocket, while the wise legislators faded away.

Lawyer:—"When I was a boy my highest ambition was to be a pirate."

Client:—"You're in luck. It isn't every man who can realise the dreams of his youth."

Mayfair's latest fascination, strange to say, is the American voice. Gone into the limbo of unfashionable mania, it is alleged, are the Oxford drawl and the public school boy's accent, which have reigned supreme in polite British society from time immemorial. "Americanisms" enjoys a waxing popularity. One reason advanced for the growing in popularity of American pronunciation is the increasing number of American actors and actresses on the British stage now being received into certain social fastnesses.

A scrap-iron merchant in New York has posted the following notice at various dangerous crossings:—
Go on! Take a Chance!
We Buy the Bits.

The ceremony of what is described as the first partnership marriage was performed in the cellar of an undergraduates club in the quadrangle of St. John's College at Annapolis recently.

A jazz band broke into a synopated wedding march as the bridal pair came up the basement steps, and cheers were given by five college friends of the bridegroom, dressed in girls' clothes to represent bridesmaids.

"We do not consider the marriage ceremony to be essential," the bridegroom said, "but we realise that we have to conform in some measure to the rules of society. For the words 'Until death us do part' we mentally substituted 'Until love dies.' Also neither of us is under any obligation to support the other."

There was no bride's bouquet or ring.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 21.

Paris	124
Brussels	35.05
Amsterdam	12.125
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	13.21
Vienna	34.055
Helsingfors	109.8
Lisbon	21.732
Bucharest	785.4
Buenos Aires	47.25/32
Shanghai	2/9 3/4
Yokohama	1/2 1/4
New York	25.34
Geneva	32.40
Milan	18.18
Stockholm	12.285
Oslo	13.14
Prague	22.04
Madrid	368.4
Athens	6.59/64
Rio	2/6 1/2
Bombay	2/6 1/2
Hongkong	2/6 1/2
Silver (spot)	23.5/16
Silver (forward)	23.5/16

—British Wireless.

TROOPS CAPTURE HOIFUNG.**SECOND RED CITY IS CAPTURED.****MANY COMMUNISTS KILLED OR TAKEN PRISONER.****SOLDIERS' BRAVERY.**

Following the recent capture of Lukfung from the "Reds," official news now comes from Canton to the effect that Government troops have succeeded in seizing Hoifung, the other stronghold of the Communists in the region midway between Hongkong and Swatow.

Much courage was displayed by the troops under General Tang Yin-wah who registered the latest success, and, on the news of the victory becoming known in Canton, thousands of refugees from districts now freed of Communists applied for free passages back to their homes.

A Hard Task.

For several months intense "Red" lawlessness has prevailed in the Hoifung and Lukfung districts and it was not until some two weeks ago, when the first column of the anti-Communist Army reached the East River, that Lukfung was taken.

Following this, the main body of Communist bandits retreated to the mountainous district of Hoifung.

Since then, the task of the Government troops in hunting down the "Reds" in the mountainous regions of Hoifung has not been an easy one, for while a portion of the Communist Army resisted the onslaught of the Government units, others moved to Ploi and Puning, two districts in the vicinity, spreading devastation as they went.

The Attack Begun.

A few days ago, after resigning his post as Chief of Canton Police, General Tang Yin-wah arrived at Wai-chow, a city to the east of Canton, and he then ordered a general attack on the "Reds" in the East River districts. In accordance with plans, practically all the Canton troops concentrated at Wai-chow and Pingshan, from which places they launched their attack on the "Reds" at Hoifung.

From Saturday morning to Monday evening, the assault on Hoifung continued, and after a stern tussle the city fell into the hands of the Canton troops.

General Tang Yin-wah personally led his Army into the city and in his brief telegram to the Canton Government he stated: "Hoifung has been captured, and the whole of our Army entered the city after the defeat of the 'Reds'."

Many Killed and Captured.

The attack on Hoifung was made from two directions, and the bravery of the soldiers was a big factor in the success attained. Large numbers of Communist bandits were either killed or taken prisoner, while the remnants of the force retreated in the direction of Puning, north-east of Hoifung and nearer Swatow.

When news of the success got known in Canton, large numbers of refugees from Hoifung and Lukfung applied to the Ho-Lukfung Merchants' Association for free passages back to their own country, the number of applicants being several thousands.

NO AGREEMENT WITH PERSIA.**SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT.**

London, Mar. 21. Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons, stated that no settlement of the questions outstanding between the Persian Government and the British Government had yet been reached, and he could not, at present make any statement regarding the negotiations for the establishment of a civil air service between Iraq and India.—*British Wireless.*

SETTLING NANKING INCIDENT.**NOTHING CERTAIN AT THE MOMENT.**

London, Mar. 21. Sir Austen Chamberlain, at question time in the House of Commons to-day, said he was unable to state at the present time whether the discussions in Shanghai between Sir Miles Lampson and the Nationalist Foreign Minister over the Nanking incident last year, would result in a settlement.—*Reuter.*

OPIUM SEIZURE CHARGES.**BIG CONSIGNMENT MARKED AS CASSIA.****FINES TOTAL \$1,000.**

The smuggling of 3,190 tacks of raw and 440 tacks of prepared opium, which constituted the big seizure made by Revenue Officers on board the Chinese steamer Tai Sze Ma, formed the basis of the charge against two Chinese at the Central Police Court to-day. The case against the second man was withdrawn, but the other was proceeded with, Mr. C. A. S. Russ appearing for the defence.

The consignment, it was stated, was disguised under the mark of "Cassia, London" but it was intercepted by Revenue Officers, who took possession of the delivery order and other papers assisting in the identification of the ten tacks, in which the opium was shipped here.

On the same morning, Chief Preventive Officer Clark arrested the defendant, a fook of the Man Tai Wo firm, as the latter emerged from a concealed entrance in Ko Shing Street. The man was hurrying along, with one hand behind his back.

Seized by the Officer he was found to be holding a number of chops. One of the chops was similar to an impression made on the delivery order for the bales of cassia. There was a wooden partition on the first floor of No. 48, Des Voeux Road, from which the arrested man emerged when caught, which had a label bearing the name of Man Tai Wo, but when C. P. O. Clark visited the premises he found the label partly torn off and also came across indications that some papers had been burnt in a Chinese chatty in the kitchen.

Defendant's Denial.

In Court this morning defendant denied that he had anything to do with the opium. He had been employed at Man Tai Wo for only a little over a month and beyond the fact that he sometimes acted as cook and sometimes as "chit cooler," he knew nothing of the business of the firm.

Cross-examined regarding the chops, witness explained that he was taking them to the accountant of the firm who had sent for them. The man who had earlier been discharged was called and he substantiated a few details of the defendant's story.

No Guilty Knowledge.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Russ submitted that there was no guilty knowledge on the part of the defendant. He maintained that the Crown had failed to prove guilty knowledge. He added that his client did not appear to be the type of man to engineer smuggling on such a big scale.

His Worship remarked that he would not allow himself to be guided by appearances.

At the request of his Worship, C. P. O. Clark stated that the offence was very serious in the eyes of the authorities. He understood that the opium was going to Shanghai where it would be retailed, and added that it was certainly not going to London.

Mr. Russ: It is far less dangerous for this stuff to come into the Colony than for arms to come. I would not defend an arms case. Fines totalling \$1,000, or, in default, four months' hard labour, were imposed by his Worship.

HOME FOOTBALL.**MOTHERWELL WIN BY ODD GOAL.**

London, Mar. 21. Swindon and Motherwell scored the narrowest victories in league matches played to-day, while two matches resulted in goalless draws. The results were:

Division I.		
Middlesbrough	0	Aston Villa 0
Division III (South).		
Swindon	3	Bournemouth 2
Division III (North).		
Crawley	0	Lincoln 0
Scottish League.		
Cowdenbeath	3	Motherwell 0

Buffalo, Feb. 22.—The crimes of Big Ben circling the globe greeted the United States to-day. They had been re-broadcast by station 2FC Sydney (Australia) and again re-broadcast by the station WMAK here.

At Selwyn College, Cambridge, the Rev. Arthur Cecil Blyth, formerly scholar of Christ's College, has been elected to a Fellowship and appointed Dean and Lecturer in Theology.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Local Musical Season—Grottrian-Steinweg Planos—Tschalkowsky's 5th Symphony.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]]

The Winter is drawing to a close and it is a melancholy reflection that not a single instrumentalist or singer has visited the Colony during what might be called the "musical season." We have had to fall back on our own resources, which are not too plentiful, but might well be worse. The K. O. S. B's Band has given us two orchestral concerts. Mr. Mason has given a few organ recitals and Mr. Harry Ore a piano recital, and there have been Musicales at the Helena May Institute, but that is all.

The Band Concert yielded a small profit on the first occasion, which was expended on presents for the artists, but at the second one a deficit arose which fell on the member of the University staff who was responsible for the entertainment. It is unfortunate that the numbers did not come up to expectations and that even a concert of that kind should result in loss; perhaps if the expenditure on lanterns which festooned the hall had been eliminated, the enthusiast who organised the whole show would not have been out of pocket.

Mr. Harry Ore has had experience in Hongkong of disappointing financial results of concerts, the balance remaining after hiring the City Hall and a grand piano, and paying for advertising, printing, etc., being on one occasion just enough to pay for his ferry back to Kowloon. That may have been partly why he gave his last recital in a private house—No. 2, May Road. But another reason is that he was enabled to play there upon a Grottrian-Steinweg grand, about which Mr. Ore goes into rhapsodies.

I have just purchased one of the Grottrian-Steinweg baby grands through Anderson's. It is as beautiful in tone and as responsive to touch as any piano I have ever come across. One of its characteristics is its homogeneous sound-board, which is made up of timber so carefully selected that all the pieces used have the same number of rings to the inch, the result being that a similar velocity of sound vibration throughout the entire board is obtained. Thus one was able to choose the instrument (No. 160) in London, and have a tropical model of the type shipped here from Hamburg in full confidence that the latter would have the desired tone, which proved to be the case. I understand that our Cathedral organist has now ordered one. The local Agents' lament is that as soon as one of these models arrives here it disappears into a purchaser's house and there is no opportunity for the public to see it. Personally, I feel no enthusiasm about these instruments that if anyone who is thinking of buying a grand would care to write to "Allegro," care of *Hongkong Telegraph*, I should be glad to make arrangements for his inspecting the one I have just bought. Grottrian-Steinweg uprights also are made for the tropics; there was a lovely model in Anderson's the other day, but it may have been sold by now.

Talking of baby-grands reminds me of an incident which happened to a well-known local resident who has now been out of the Colony for a few years. It illustrates the musical "pose" that some folk are (Continued on Page 8.)

SEARCH FOR PIRATE VESSEL.**STANLEY POLICE SEND OUT A LAUNCH.****JUNK RANSACKED.**

A Water Police launch has been dispatched from Stanley in a search for an unknown junk which yesterday carried out a daring piracy within close proximity to Hongkong.

Poo-Tai Island, off which the piracy took place, is well within the territorial waters of the Colony, yet the fact has to be recorded that while three fishing junks from Aberdeen were sailing in this region they were suddenly fired upon by an unknown boat.

One of the fishing boats was forced to move to while nine pirates put off from the junk in a dinghy and boarded her.

The crew were completely terrorised and offered no resistance when the pirates ransacked the boat, removed the cargo, and stripped the vessel of all its fishing tackle.

Making a haul estimated to amount in value to over \$200, the pirates then sailed away in an unknown direction.

On a report being received at the Police Station at Stanley, a police launch from this Station stemmed out in a search for the pirate vessel.

During the demolition of Arch-cliff Fort, Dover, built by Henry VIII, two skeletons have been found near a bed of concrete, 15 feet below the surface. They are thought to be from one to two hundred years old.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 Who was St. Valentine?
- 2 What famous legend regarding Stonehenge is now declared to be baseless?
- 3 What great enterprise for organising 100,000 square miles of fish and mother-of-pearl cultivation is being arranged this spring?
- 4 What discovery relating to the earliest Egyptian wars has just been made in Palestine?
- 5 At what famous resort are there no motor vehicles of any description?
- 6 What prominent public man has established communication with a death-watch beetle?
- 7 Where in the United Kingdom is there a village which is run entirely by electricity?
- 8 What links with prehistoric monsters are still living, and where are they to be found?
- 9 What strange monument, traditionally identified with a familiar Bible story is about to be destroyed?
- 10 How much money was paid in Great Britain last year in unemployment benefit?
- 11 How many possible hands are there in a game of whist?
- 12 Which is the world's largest active volcano?



"... Which brings us right back to the same question: can this country support my art?"

SHANGHAI APPEAL DISMISSED.**INDIAN'S SENTENCE TO STAND.****FRAUDULENT CONVERSION OF FIRM'S MONEY.****FULL COURT RESULT.**

The Full Court in Shanghai has, according to a telegram received by Messrs. Watanmal Boolehand, of Hongkong, dismissed the appeal by H. C. Bedi, late manager of the firm's Shanghai branch, for fraudulent conversion of various sums of money.

"The Crown has had the control of this case and" I request the Crown to help me get out of this mess and bring to justice the proper man who was the cause of all this trouble," wrote Hirsingh Chaurasingh Bedi in his appeal to the Shanghai Full Court last week. The Court was composed of His Honour, Sir Henry Gollan, presiding, His Honour, Sir Peter Grain and His Honour, Mr. G. W. King.

Two-Year Sentence.

The appellant, Bedi, was recently convicted in J.M. Supreme Court by a jury and sentenced by His Honour, Sir Peter Grain, to two years imprisonment after he had been convicted of fraudulent conversion of Rs. 42,000 to the use of a man named S. G. Verma during his term as manager of the firm of Watanmal Boolehand in Shanghai. He was also found guilty on a second charge of making false entries in the firm's books with intent to defraud.

Bedi who has been a prisoner in the Ward Road Gaol since his conviction on February 15 appeared in Court in the charge of a police officer and bore unmistakable signs of his confinement having become considerably thinner since his last appearance in the Court and having grown a beard.

Documents Submitted.

There were two documents submitted to the Court on which leave to appeal was sought, one being in the handwriting of the prisoner and compiled by him and the second being legal document filed in correct legal phraseology by Mr. Jones.

The document handed to the Court from the prisoner read as follows:

"Grounds for appeal are as follows:—
"That is was not a fraudulent conversion, because one who depends on the profits and losses of the firm, how can that man try to put himself under loss?"
(Continued on Page 8.)

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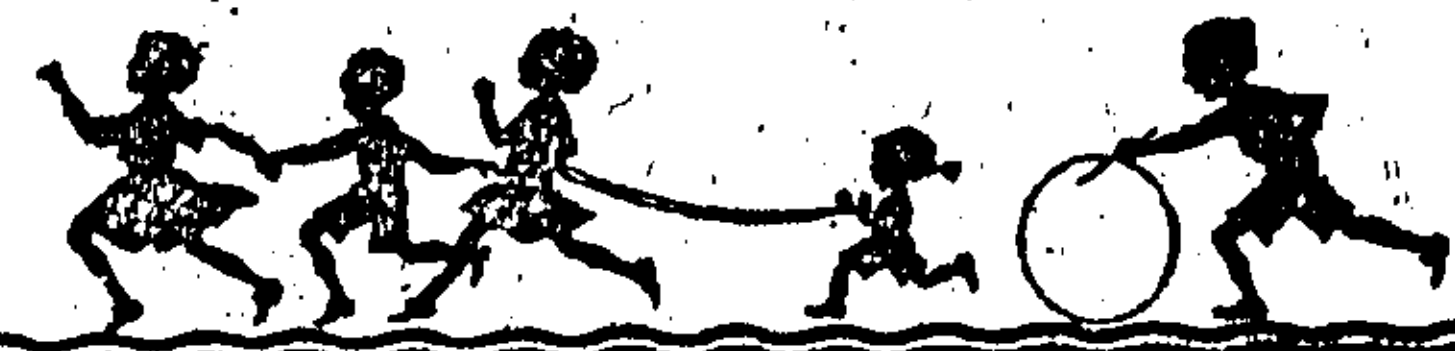
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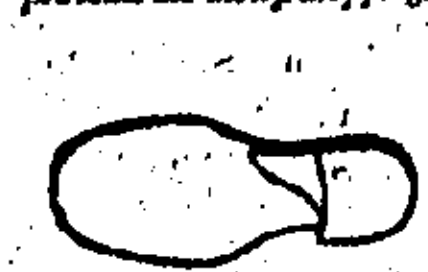
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SCOTS GUARDS SPORTS.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

The athletic sports meeting of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards was held at the Shamshuipo Camp yesterday, in the presence of large numbers of Servicemen and their families. Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Luard were interested spectators. The sports commenced in the morning and were carried on through the day without a hitch. The Battalion Championship shield was carried off by "F" Company, with Headquarters Wing occupying second place.

Of considerable interest was an event open to other units, over one mile. Private Tiersman of the R.A.M.C. won this race. There was a large entry from Indians in the one mile race open to Indian soldiers.

At the conclusion of the sports, Sir Victor Mackenzie congratulated the winners of the Battalion Championship Shield and spoke of the keenness shown by the competitors. He then asked Mrs. Luard to distribute the prizes. After the presentation, the gathering broke up with three hearty cheers for Mrs. Luard.

The officials of the sports meeting were: Referee: Lieut.-Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie, Bart, D.S.O., M.V.O.; Judges: Officers of the Regiment; Starter: Lieut. P. H. Catt; Timekeepers: Lieut. and Adjutant J. L. M. Bland, Lieut. C. A. R. Coghill; Megaphone Steward: R.S.M. W. Murray, D.C.M.; Chief Marshal: L/Sgt. W. Blakeley; Asst. Marshalls: Company Sergeant Majors: Even Masters; Company Quartermaster Sergeants: Recorders: O.R.Q.M.S. E. McDonald, Sergt. E. Reeves; Clerks of the Course: Sergt. J. Martin, Corpl. T. Dolan.

The Results.

880 Yards Relay:—1, "G" Company; 2, "F" Company.
Company Relay Teams:—1, Left Flank; 2, "G" Company; 3, "F" Company.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Right Flank; 2, Headquarters Wing.
Two Miles Relay:—1, Headquarters Wing; 2, "F" Company.
Long Jump:—1, "F" Company; 2, "G" Company.

Throwing the Discus:—1, Right Flank; 2, Left Flank.
Corporals' Race:—1, L/Cpl. Mower; 2, L/Cpl. Lawman; 3, L/Cpl. Hills.

Sack Race:—1, Gdsm. Ramsay; 2, Gdsm. Young; 3, Gdsm. Norris.
440 Yards Relay:—1, "F" Company; 2, "G" Company.

Pole Jump:—1, Left Flank; 2, Headquarters Wing.
Sergeants' Race:—1, L/Sergt. Ravenhall; 2, Sergt. Heathcote; 3, L/Sergt. Nicol.

Long Jump:—1, "F" Company; 2, "G" Company.
Putting the Weight:—1, Right Flank; 2, "F" Company.

Three-Legged Race:—1, Gdsm. Ramsay and Young; 2, Gdsm. Dickson and Webb; 3, Gdsm. Watt and Carter.

High Jump:—Headquarters Wing and "F" Company (tie).
Officers' Race:—Captain Tyringham.

Piping and Dancing (Open):—Piping: 1, L/Sergt. McDonald (Scots Guards); 2, L/Cpl. McLean (Scots Guards); 3, Piper Slattery (K.O.S.B.). Dancing: 1, Piper Taylor (Scots Guards); 2, Piper Burns (Scots Guards); 3, L/Cpl. McLean (Scots Guards).

Blindfold Drill Competition:—Right Flank.
One Mile Relay:—1, "F" Company; 2, Headquarters Wing.

Throwing the Hammer:—1, Right Flank; 2, Headquarters Wing.
Open Mile:—1, Pte. Tiersman (R.A.M.C.); 2, Gnr. Goodridge (R.A.); 3, L/Cpl. Atherton (K.O.S.B.).

Old Soldiers' Race:—1, Gdsm. Pearce; 2, Gdsm. Ramsay; 3, Gdsm. Dyer.

Tilting the Bucket:—1, Cpl. McFarlane and Gdsm. Brunton; 2, Gdsm. Edmondson and Thomson; 3, Gdsm. Ramsay and Young.

Indians' Race:—1, Panja Singh; 2, Abdul Gafur; 3, Mohamed Khan.
Band Race:—1, Gdsm. Grove; 2, Gdsm. Smith; 3, Gdsm. Dodson.

Tug-of-War Finals:—1, Headquarters Wing; 2, "F" Company.
Medley Relay Race:—1, Headquarters Wing; 2, "F" Company.
Opposite Nos. Race:—Warrant Officers.

Three-Mile Team Race:—1, "F" Company; 2, Headquarters Wing.
One Mile Team Race:—1, "F" Company; 2, Headquarters Wing.
Transport Race:—1, Gdsm. Fitzpatrick; 2, Gdsm. Shaw; 3, Gdsm. Tennant.

CLASSIC RACE BETTING.

LINCOLNSHIRE AND GRAND NATIONAL.

ADIEU THE FAVOURITE.

The following list of quotations on the Lincolnshire and Grand National have been received in the Colony by private wire and is the result of the call over at the Victoria Club, London, on Monday last:

Lincolnshire Handicap.

- 18-1 Adieu.
- 32-1 Battleshaft.
- 25-1 B. Bridge.
- 25-1 B. Chance III.
- 20-1 Caustic.
- 30-1 Charmant.
- 21-1 C. Cross.
- 10-1 Crambick.
- 16-1 Dark Warrior.
- 25-1 Dunin.
- 11-1 Fanev Free.
- 16-1 Fohanaun.
- 33-1 Gifted.
- 86-1 Happy Ben.
- 66-1 Illustration.
- 40-1 Invermark.
- 20-1 Jemico.
- 100-1 John's Son.
- 20-1 Jugo.
- 100-1 Ken Hill.
- 25-1 Lavengro.
- 25-1 L. Knight.
- 25-1 Lyra.
- 33-1 Martonia.
- 25-1 Mascot.
- 6-1 Orbindos.
- 25-1 Orbita.
- 25-1 Phillammon.
- 1000-30 Priny.
- 12-1 Priory Park.
- 25-1 Rhyolite.
- 16-1 Rob.
- 1000-30 Romany.
- 40-1 Royal Amb.
- 6-1 Rum and Coffee.
- 25-1 Stratathro.
- 50-1 Tenacity.
- 8-1 The Mohawk.
- 20-1 Vanoc.
- 66-1 Voice Box.
- 33-1 War Mist.
- 33-1 Wellwisher.

Grand National.

- 10-1 Easter Hero.
- 10-1 Trump Card.
- 11-1 Master Billie.
- 12-1 Koko.
- 14-1 Brights Boys.
- 100-6 Sprig.
- 20-1 Billy Barton.
- 18-1 Bovril.
- 25-1 Hawker.
- 16-1 Grackle.
- 50-1 Foxtro.
- 33-1 Carap.
- 66-1 Lea Bridge.
- 25-1 Ruddy Glow.
- 20-1 Coyote.
- 33-1 Shann O II.
- 100-1 Snapper.
- 200-1 Day Dawn.
- 200-1 Scraploft.

All the above were taken and offered. The remaining entries are at prices from 40 to 1 to 100 to 1 on offer.
The Lincolnshire is being run on March 28th, and the Grand National on March 30th.

The Matlock Magistrates recently had to solve the problem, "Does a hen instinctively know its own nest?"

Daniel Potts, a leaf miner, was charged with stealing two lots of fowls. Some of the alleged stolen fowls were found on his premises, and to prove the true ownership, the police took them to the house of the plaintiff. Here they showed they were at home. One bird proceeded directly to a nest and laid an egg. The solicitor for Potts claimed that a hen would lay anywhere when it felt inclined, but the Chairman of the Bench upheld this, and fined Potts £2.

The Senate of London University has passed a resolution of thanks to Lord Rothermere and Mr. Cecil Harmsworth for the gift of £50,000 to the University College Centenary Fund for the endowment of a Lord Northcliffe Chair of Modern English Literature and of a Lord Northcliffe Lectureship in Literature.

Consolation Race:—1, L/Cpl. William; 2, L/Cpl. George; 3, L/Cpl. Lilley.

Five-a-side Football Final:—1, "G" Company; 2, Headquarters Wing.

Battalion Championship Shield:—Winners, "F" Company, 60½ points; 2, Headquarters Wing, 51½ points; 3, Left Flank, 45 points; 4, "G" Company, 41 points; 5, Right Flank, 38 points.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Cup and League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 24th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Hongkong Telegraph" during the weeks August 25—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 24th.

CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Huddersfield v Sheffield U.
Blackburn v Arsenal.
Hibernians v Rangers.
Celtic v Queen's Park.

DIVISION I.

Bolton v Leicester.
Wednesday v Liverpool.

DIVISION II.

Chelsea v Manch. City.
Reading v Leeds.
West Brom. v Preston.

DIVISION III.

Cry. Palace v Swindon.
Southend v Plymouth.
Nelson v Bradford C.

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Cry. Palace v Swindon.
Southend v Plymouth.
Nelson v Bradford C.

G. B. S.'S "O.M."

CONFERRED IT ON HIMSELF LONG TIME BEFORE.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw's name has been freely mentioned as a recipient of the Order of Merit. Two other names are those of Mr. John Galsworthy and Mr. Rudyard Kipling.

Asked recently if he had been approached in the matter, Mr. Shaw said "Not officially."

"Have you heard of the offer unofficially?" he was then asked.

"Yes," replied Mr. Shaw, "I conferred the Order of Merit on myself a long time ago."

Twenty-four orders are authorized by the charter and there are now two at the disposal of the Crown (one civilian and one military), through the death of Thomas Hardy and Earl Haig.

A pearl necklace valued at \$1,200, lost by Mrs. Lewis of Upper Phillimore-gardens, S.W., has been found lying in the road at Kensington. A maid employed at a hotel in Kensington was walking along the road, when she picked up what she thought was a string of beads. She had no idea of the value of her find, and, seeing a report in the newspapers of the loss of a pearl necklace, took it to the police.

KOWLOON STILL WINNING.

RECREIO DEFEATED BY 3 GOALS TO 1.

KERNICK'S THREE.

Contrary to reports appearing in this morning's papers, Kowloon defeated the Club de Recreio by three goals to one. In a Senior League match played on the Kowloon ground yesterday afternoon.

Kowloon had much the better of the game from start to finish, led by two clear goals at half-time, and were 3 goals up before the Recreio reduced the lead from a penalty.

The Shield finalists discovered yesterday, that their brilliant centre-forward Northey is not the only player who scores goals. Kernick netting all three. The inside-right gave one of his best displays, scoring two of the goals with delightful cross shots.

Fernandes played a brilliant game in goal for the Recreio and a capital defensive display by Xavier prevented the Kowloon forwards from increasing the advantage. Kowloon played their full league team with the exception of the two wingers, Reed and Vickers filling the places of Duncan and Miles.

The league table to date is as follows:

First Division.

Chinese Ath. . .	15	13	2	0	45	3	28
K.O.S.B.	19	9	6	4	32	16	24
R.A.	13	10	2	0	30	21	22
Scots Guards . .	18	8	6	4	20	15	22
Queens Regt. . .	17	7	3	7	41	28	17
Kowloon	16	7	3	0	23	25	17
R.A.F.	20	5	6	0	30	28	10
H.K. Club . . .	17	5	3	0	23	38	13
Recreio	15	6	2	8	24	41	13
South China . .	18	3	4	11	15	67	10
Police	17	3	3	11	0	29	9

SHANGHAI APPEAL DISMISSED.

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"That regarding wrong entries I have to say that it was a misapprehension owing to a lack of knowledge of accountancy."

"There was no fraudulent intention on my part at all. This case should not have been brought at all, but that there was some misunderstanding on the part of both parties."

Principal Culprit.

"The principal culprit is S. G. Verma, and if chance is given to me to prove my innocence I shall do so. I cannot reduce everything in writing now, but if appeal is sanctioned and I have been given an opportunity I shall at full length deal with the whole case in the presence of the Full Court myself in person."

"The only proof I have of partnership is that I hold letters from both Hongkong and Hyderabad Sind offices, in their own handwriting, showing that I was a partner from the year 1926."

Faith in Justice.

"Crown has had the control of this case, and I request the Crown to help me to get out of this mess, and bring to justice the proper man, who was the cause of all this trouble. I trust I have full faith in the justice of the Court, and that the Court will award me all possible help to prove my innocence. My life depends on this. Otherwise there is a ruinage of my life. Hope the full Court will do justice in the case, and help me out of this trouble. In fact, it is a question of life and death for me. Hope the complainants will also give their full attention to this fact put before you. I cannot give more at this moment, for my thoughts are all embarrassed, but will do so or explain to my legal adviser if the Court kindly gives me the help of such a one, or if not, time may be given to me to reduce all that I have to say in writing at a later day."

S. H. Bedi.

"P. S.—I shall give the why, and how all this has been done."

Basis Of Appeal.

Mr. Jones informed the Court that he was not relying on the prisoner's document of appeal but upon his own grounds for which were:

There was a misdirection in law.

That there was not sufficient direction to the jury on the separate charges.

That there was no direction, or not sufficient direction to the jury of fraudulent conversion in the matter of the first charge.

That there was not sufficient direction to the jury as to the intent to defraud in the second charge.

That the case for the defence under two counts in the first charge was not put to the jury, or not sufficiently placed before them.

That the case for the defence under the second charge was not put to the jury, or not adequately put to the jury.

That the question was not left to the jury (a) as to whether the Bedi was a partner, or (b) as to whether he was a clerk or servant.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

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pleased to adopt rather than admit that they know nothing of musical matters and care less. He and a friend were in a party on a launch when a lady who was holding forth upon music enquired of the friend: "And what make is your piano, Mr. 'Muntbros'?"

"Really! How delightful! I always think they are such beautiful pianos... such exquisite tone. There aren't many of those out here, are there?" &c., &c.

Afterwards the well-known resident said to his friend:

"What on earth were you talking about? There's no such make as a 'Muntbros'."

"Isn't there?" said his friend. "Come along home and see it."

There, sure enough, staring him in the face, was the word "Muntbros." Then the mystery was explained. The piano was one of the popular Moutrie models, purchased secondhand and entrusted to a Chinese to stain and re-varnish. The word "Moutrie" being practically obliterated, the Chinese had painted in what he thought were the letters underneath, using a little imagination for the second half of the word. I can vouch for the truth of this story and even know the names of the music-lover (also departed) who entrusted so much about the "Muntbros" tone.

That beautiful 5th Symphony of Tchaikowsky has at last been electrically recorded. The old recording was in H. M. V., conducted by Albert Contes; the new is a Victor issue, played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Stock. The 5th Symphony is, if anything, more popular than the 6th (known as the "Pathetic").

When all the works in the repertoire of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra were put before the public and a plebiscite was held for a popular programme, these two symphonies had each more votes than any other two symphonies put together and the 5th had more than any other orchestral work of any kind. This is a criterion of popularity, though not necessarily of musical worth. Tchaikowsky thought less of it than of his 4th and 6th, and after the first two performances of it in 1888 came to the conclusion that it was a failure.

The following Spring he conducted it in Hamburg where it created much enthusiasm and the composer began to like it better.

The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra gave a wonderful performance of it on their recent visit to London. I looked in vain for it among the Promenade Concert programmes of last season; perhaps Sir Henry Wood is rather tired of it.

Maestro Paci rehearsed it for two hours one hot Sunday morning in Shanghai. He arrived in his studio afterwards, fagged out and reduced to a wet mass, yet elated at the heights to which he had soared in conducting the work. His emotions were still on another plane, the grim foreboding of the final movement having taken complete possession of him. But it was my unpleasant duty to drag him down to earth.

I was in a hurry to get away and had a message to deliver to him. "That was fine, Paci. I say, your wife has got unexpected company for tiffin and wants you to bring home two pounds of bread!" Anyone who knows Paci can imagine not only the outraged look upon his face but also the speed at which I quitted his studio!

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ESCAPED CONVICTS.

ISLE OF WIGHT PROTEST TO THE HOME OFFICE.

At the Isle of Wight County Council meeting recently it was reported that a protest had been made to the Home Office regarding the frequent escapes of convicts from Parkhurst Prison, urging that steps should be taken to prevent such occurrences.

In view of the disquiet caused in the district, where five houses had been broken into and women attacked while convicts were at large.

Mr. A. A. Andrews, the vice-chairman of the Council and one of the visiting Justices to the prison, said that the matter was receiving the careful attention of the Home Office; but it had to be remembered that the class of prisoner at Parkhurst could not be shot at when escaping. Only felons could be shot at. There were great difficulties with regard to the arming of prison officers.

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HONGKONG WELL AHEAD IN INTERPORT.

The match between R. F. Luz of Hongkong and A. A. Souza of Shanghai yesterday resulted in a runaway victory for the local player, who appeared to be at the top of his form. Commencing at 5 p.m. sharp, the match attracted quite a number of enthusiasts to the Club Lusitano and those who witnessed the game were unanimous that the display given by Luz was one of the best seen locally for some time.

From the very commencement of the game, Luz got into his stride and scored rapidly with breaks of 22, 43, 40 and 59. He soon left his opponent standing, passing the 300 mark with the Shanghai man at 18 and reaching 600 within an hour's actual playing time. Souza was then at 123, which included a brilliant 41.

Luz, however, was scoring at every approach to the table, running to 400 in an incredibly short space of time and allowing his opponent only six points further from his 123. The final stages, however, saw the Shanghai player make a great attempt to reduce the gap and this effort was attended with success, the final scores being 600 to 234.

Luz returned an average of 10 points, which is the highest during the present series of Interport games. Souza averaged 5.68.

Some of the highest breaks of this game were as follows:

Luz: 59, 42(3), 40, 36, 32(2), 27, 22, 21.

Souza: 41, 30, 26, 20.

In Winning Vein.

The game later in the night between F. M. Cruz of Hongkong and L. R. Barrera of Shanghai, resulted in a further win for Hongkong, thus placing the local team in an almost unassailable position. The match was long drawn out, there being no exceptionally high breaks.

Opening steadily, Cruz reached 200 points in 35 minutes, but there was only one notable break up to that point, and that was a 38 compiled almost at the outset of the match. Barrera was at 63 when Cruz touched 200. When the Hongkong man got into the 300 street, the Northern player only stood at 183.

Each player compiled a hundred points within the next twenty minutes, so that the score read, Cruz 400 and Barrera 233, after an hour and forty minutes' play. Barrera was 183 points behind when the Hongkong man passed the 500 mark.

The highest breaks of the match were:

Cruz: 38, 37, 23, 21, 20.

Barrera: 25(2), 31(2).

Cruz returned an average of 7.35, and Barrera's average was 4.59.

The Positions.

The positions in the Interport games to date are as follows:

Hongkong	
L. A. Osmund	500
C. F. Vas	500
R. F. Luz	500
F. M. Cruz	500
	2,000

Shanghai	
J. Medina	409
A. A. Souza	234
A. A. Souza	234
L. R. Barrera	234
	1,280

Highest breaks of individual players are: R. F. Luz (H.K.) 59, C. F. Vas (H.K.) 45, L. A. Osmund (H.K.) 43, A. A. Souza (S) 41, J. Medina (S) 38, F. M. Cruz (H.K.) 38, L. R. Barrera (S) 31, A. A. Souza (S) 21.

Highest averages of this series: R. F. Luz (H.K.) 10, L. A. Osmund (H.K.) 7.08, F. M. Cruz (H.K.) 7.35, C. F. Vas (H.K.) 5.58, J. Medina (S) 6.49, A. A. Souza (S) 5.68, L. R. Barrera (S) 4.59, A. A. Souza (S) 8.95.

Y. M. C. A. Defeat Kowloon Cricket Club.

The K.C.C. and European Y.M.C.A. played a return billiards match last night, the result being a win for the latter by 147 points who thus turned the tables on their opponents. It will be recalled that the K. C. C. were victorious in the previous encounter. The match was played at the Y.M.C.A. Detailed scores follow:

Y. M. C. A.	
Richards	150
Cowdard	150
Taylor	150
Hyde	150
Borrowman	37
Leach	150
	847

K. C. C.	
Robinson	134
Lyal	45
Green	138
Purves	98
Fraser	150
Murray	150
	700

Last Night's Matches at the Palace Hotel.

The billiards handicap matches played at the Palace Hotel last night resulted as follows:

A. W. Graves (250) beat S. J. Bradwell (230). Graves' best break was 17, and Bradwell's 27.

W. Howells (250) beat C. H. Brown (197). Howells' highest break was 35, and Brown's 10.

The matches for this evening are: At 6 p.m., A. F. Cunha v A. M. Hollands.

At 9 p.m., L. V. Antonio v J. M. V. Ribeiro.

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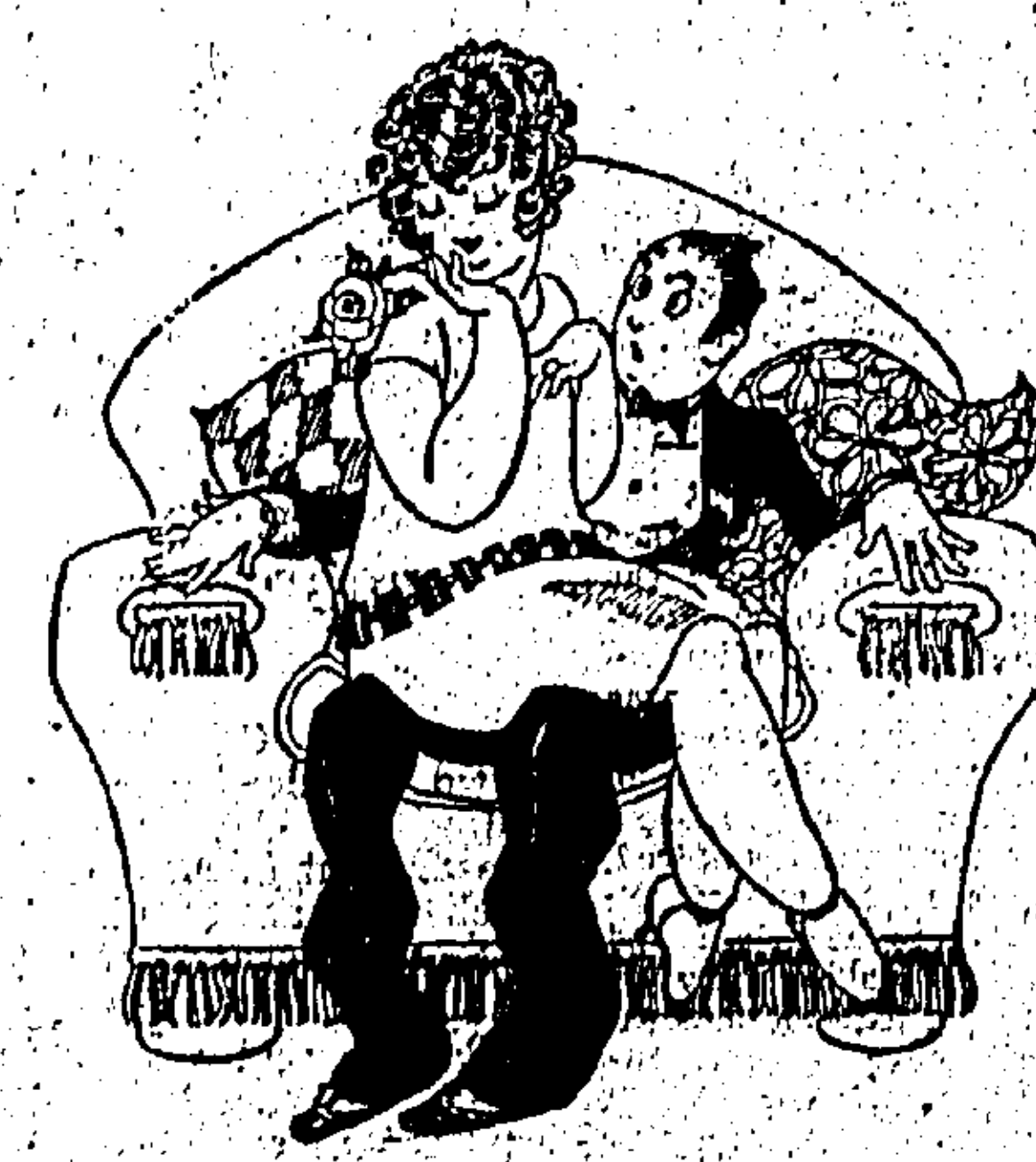
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CHAPTER XXII.

A SUSPECT.

In Park Lane Inspector Pow hesitated for a few moments whether to return to Scotland Yard at once or go to Downshire Hall, Hampstead. It was true that Martha Keene had already admitted letting a young man with red hair into the house at Baynton Crescent, but now it was possible to place the matter beyond doubt, by showing her Everard Parkinson's photograph. Besides, she might have something more to tell.

A passing taxicab solved the Inspector's doubts, and on the way to Hampstead, he reminded himself that the woman's own actions that Thursday evening could scarcely be said to be accounted for. Between half-past four when she left the house, and a quarter to eleven, when she enlisted the aid of the constable, nothing was known of her movements.

She had had ample time to enter surreptitiously and ransack the rooms in search of the box, of the existence of which she might easily have been aware. Inspector Pow wished to take every possibility into account. Parkinson had been on the spot—he felt certain of that—but there might be another incident which required linking up with his presence and on the whole it seemed possible that Martha Keene might still have something to say. She looked like a woman who had something weighing on her mind!

Leaving his taxi at the corner by the police station, Inspector Pow walked slowly along the rural-looking road towards the Heath, and stopping at a gate about half-way down, took stock of the little house, with its bow window, trellis work porch and small front garden. When he rang the bell, Martha opened the door, looking as clean as ever, but as unattractive.

"Dear me, Inspector!" she exclaimed with a start. "How the sight of you does bring back that dreadful time at poor Miss Croom's."

Standing in the porch, Pow took the photograph from his breast pocket. "Just have a look at this," he said.

"Why," she answered, the moment she took it in her hand, "that's the young gentleman Dr. Markwell came to ask about—"

"The one you let in the Monday before the murder. Now," asked the Inspector, "was that the only time you saw him?"

"He'd never been before," she insisted, "and he never came again."

"How long after his departure was it when you saw Miss Croom next?"

"I took her tea in directly."

metal box, Inspector."

Inspector Pow felt certain she was telling the truth, and straightway removed her name from his original list of suspects. Walking back to the taxi, he directed the driver to Scotland Yard, wishing that he had sent someone else to Mountport instead of Sergeant Galloway. There was no one whose opinion he valued more highly, and he would have liked to discuss the case in all its bearings. It would, however, be impossible to see him before the morning, and the decision concerning Everard Parkinson must be made to-night.

He would lay the evidence before the Chief immediately he reached the Yard. With his approval, Parkinson should be at once arrested, but left to himself Inspector Pow scarcely knew!

On leaving Park Lane he had no doubt that Everard had been at Baynton Crescent on Thursday night, but as he stood talking to Martha Keene, another explanation of the presence of the glove had rather distractingly occurred to him.

And as it had occurred to his own mind, it would not be overlooked by the shrewd criminal solicitor, who was certain to be employed by the accused man. A fairly good defence!

Everard had admittedly been at the house three days before the crime. His glove had been found by the open scullery window on Friday morning, the day after. But suppose he were prepared to swear he had left it behind on his first, and as he would say, his only visit!

Inspector Pow would no doubt gain considerable kudos if Parkinson were convicted, and promotion might follow in due course. His reputation, on the other hand, would suffer if his prisoner were acquitted the more because he was the son of a well-known man.

On the whole the Inspector felt anxious to share the responsibility.

CHAPTER XXIII.

AN INCRIMINATING ADMISSION.

Although one or two visitors came to the house in Park Lane that afternoon, Mr. Lupton did not require to be told that Lady Parkinson was "not at home."

Neither she nor Sir Joseph had left the morning-room since Detective-Inspector Pow's departure, the butler, always attentive, thought he would venture to serve afternoon tea there.

They were sitting very miserably one on each side of the fire, which had died rather low. Lady Parkinson held a damp handkerchief in her hand, and still sobbed at intervals, while her husband leaned back in his chair, his hands thrust deep in his trousers pockets, his long legs stretched out, a short briar root pipe between his teeth.

Lupton brought in the tray himself, but Lady Parkinson paid no attention, till Sir Joseph rose, and standing by the low table, rather clumsily filled a cup, passing it to her.

"Drink this, anyhow," he urged, and she took the saucer in her hand. "Ah, Joe," she said, "poor Everard's given me many an anxious moment since he was born, but never anything like this before. Never!"

"A damnable shame!" cried Sir Joseph. "I make no bones about it. The boy's a waster. A gambler. Bill after bill, he's accepted knowing I should have to take them up. As bad as stealing. He'll never do any good for himself as long as he lives, nor for anybody else."

"This may prove a lesson to him," said Lady Parkinson with a deep sigh.

"No," retorted Sir Joseph. "It won't. He's not got sense enough to learn it. But he didn't kill Miss Croom. He was never at Haverstock Hill that night. I'll take my oath on that. The question is: Where was he? Somewhere he's ashamed to admit, I'll be bound. But he'll have to make a clean breast. Unless he does, I can't help him."

Sir Joseph knocked out his pipe in the fender, poured out another cup of tea and drank it. Then he filled his pipe again, and returning to his chair, sat watching his wife as she still wiped her eyes at intervals. It was some time later that he suddenly started to his feet.

"I shall go to Cliff Street," he exclaimed. "I must see him, hear what he has to say for himself."

"Joe," Lady Parkinson entreated, "you won't be too hard—"

ARMY PAYMASTER ROBBED.

ACCOMPLICES WHO MADE OFF WITH BOOTY.

A convict, sentenced in 1922 to 20 years for a theft of 8,500,000 francs, which have not been recovered, escaped from Devil's Island last year and has just been recaptured.

He had, it seems, "returned to the scene of the crime"—not for the superstitious reasons ascribed to Eugene Aram criminals but because he hoped to get at the lost millions.

Finger-Prints.

Those millions had been stolen from a French army paymaster at Oudzem, in Morocco. The convict Barbalozzi had kept a safe there.

When arrested he said his accomplices had hidden or stolen off with the booty.

The police were suspicious about the prisoner's story, but the money was not found.

After his flight from the island no trace of him was discovered, and it was believed that he had perished while trying to reach the Brazilian coast.

Recently the Spanish police at Tetuan arrested on a charge of theft a wandering Frenchman. His finger-prints proved to be those of the escaped convict Barbalozzi.

The French police are convinced that the criminal had dared all in returning to Morocco in the hope of finding the millions which had been hidden before his arrest in 1922.

Whether he now knows where the hiding-place is cannot yet be decided.

Prison of Dreyfus.

Devil's Island, or the Ile du Diable, is one of a group of islands off the coast of French Guiana, notorious as the prison of Alfred Dreyfus from 1894-99.

This island of terror, bogged with shark-infested seas, has the reputation of being the most dreadful place in the world. Here are sent political prisoners and criminals who have been banished for life.

Few have ever escaped from this grim island, and those only after suffering untold hardships.

Ruse that Failed.

One man managed to get himself nailed up in a packing-case labelled "Rare plants. Keep away from boilers and water frequently."

But the ruse failed and he came back to further torture.

Another attempt was made by a man who stabbed himself in the shoulder and was carried to the dissection room as dead. The next morning both he and the operating table had disappeared.

He used the table as a raft to cross the rivers on the way to Venezuela.

Others have used coffins in order to make their escape, but the sharks have taken full toll of the fugitives.

"Still," Lady Parkinson urged, when they were alone again, "you do know he's innocent."

"Of murder, yes, of course, I know. But if he hadn't tried to get hold of those infernal jewels of yours, he would never have been suspected. It'll look precious bad for him, when it's proved, as it will be, that he employed some wretched woman as a decoy, and led a revolver to Markwell's head. Good God! a man who'd do that, would do pretty well anything. And what was it all for?" demanded Sir Joseph. "Just to get money to squander on some girl he met in the States."

"He wants to marry her, Joe," murmured Lady Parkinson.

"To marry her! If I gave him the money to buy a license, he'd spend it on the way to the registrar's. How many times have I squared things up for him, and each was to be the last!"

"It's no use to rake up the past while he's in this terrible trouble," said Lady Parkinson.

"I don't want to rake anything up. I'm going to see him through. Only I can't trust him. Whatever he tells me, I shan't be able to believe he's keeping nothing back. All I hope is that he can prove he was somewhere else that Thursday night, even if it was the most disreputable place on earth. We'll have Sir Henry Ackerman."

"You speak," moaned Lady Parkinson, "as if he were certain to be arrested. But the detective said he only wanted a few words."

"I can guess what they will be."

As he was speaking Lupton entered. "The car is at the door, Sir Joseph."

Sir Joseph went to his wife's side, stooping over her and kissing her forehead. "Don't fret more than you can help," he whispered. "I'll get him off. It costs every penny I possess."

(To be continued.)

JUMPED TOO LATE FROM PLANE.

FLYING OFFICER'S STORY OF HIS OWN DESCENT.

The tragedy of the two aeroplanes which came into collision over the cliffs near Folkestone was described at the inquest at Hawkinge Aerodrome on Pilot Officer Eric J. Watson, who was dashed to death near the aerodrome.

His machine and another piloted by Flying Officer Walsh set out together from Hawkinge for manoeuvres, and were about 1,000ft. up when the collision occurred. Flying Officer Walsh immediately jumped with his parachute and escaped serious injury, but Pilot Officer Watson delayed his jump too long, apparently trying to right his machine.

Flight Lieut. Gilbert Harcourt Smith, of Hawkinge Aerodrome, said that Pilot Officer Watson was twenty-one years of age and belonged to No. 25 Fighting Squadron. He was accustomed to flying the Gloucester-Grebe single-seater fighting machine which he was piloting at the time of the accident. The machine was in good order.

"I examined the parachute after the accident, and found it was torn throughout the length of one seam," said the officer.

Giving the possible solution for the failure of the parachute, Flight Lieut. Smith said: "In making a parachute descent from an aircraft it is necessary to be quite clear of the aircraft before opening the parachute. It is possible this officer was not clear when he pulled his rip and the parachute was caught in some part of the machine and torn."

Mr. Mowll (the Coroner): Is that your view of what happened?—Yes.

When a man is descending by parachute from his aircraft there is a moment when he has nothing to hold on to?—Yes. He should fall through space for ten seconds before pulling the cord. Actually he is taught to count.

Mr. Mowll: It requires a little courage, I should think.

Another possible solution was that Pilot Officer Watson did not make use of his parachute quickly enough. From 150 to 200 feet were required for a parachute to operate and slow up the man.

The machine did not catch fire until after its impact with the ground.

The Attack.

"On Friday afternoon," stated Flying Officer Leonard Arthur Walsh, "I told Pilot Officer Watson to do individual combat with me. I was his senior. We both went up and practised getting into position. He was in theory to try to hit."

"When we were just over two thousand feet up he attacked me three times. After that he broke away and I saw him about a mile away from me."

"To enable him to catch me up I throttled my engine back to one thousand revolutions and flew straight and level towards Dover."

"The next thing, I looked round and saw a pair of planes in vertical bank turning into me on the starboard side."

"Then I felt the impact, and my machine went out of control. My wings were not damaged, but the tail of my plane was cut off."

"When I realised the position I did my best to get out of the seat in my machine. I succeeded."

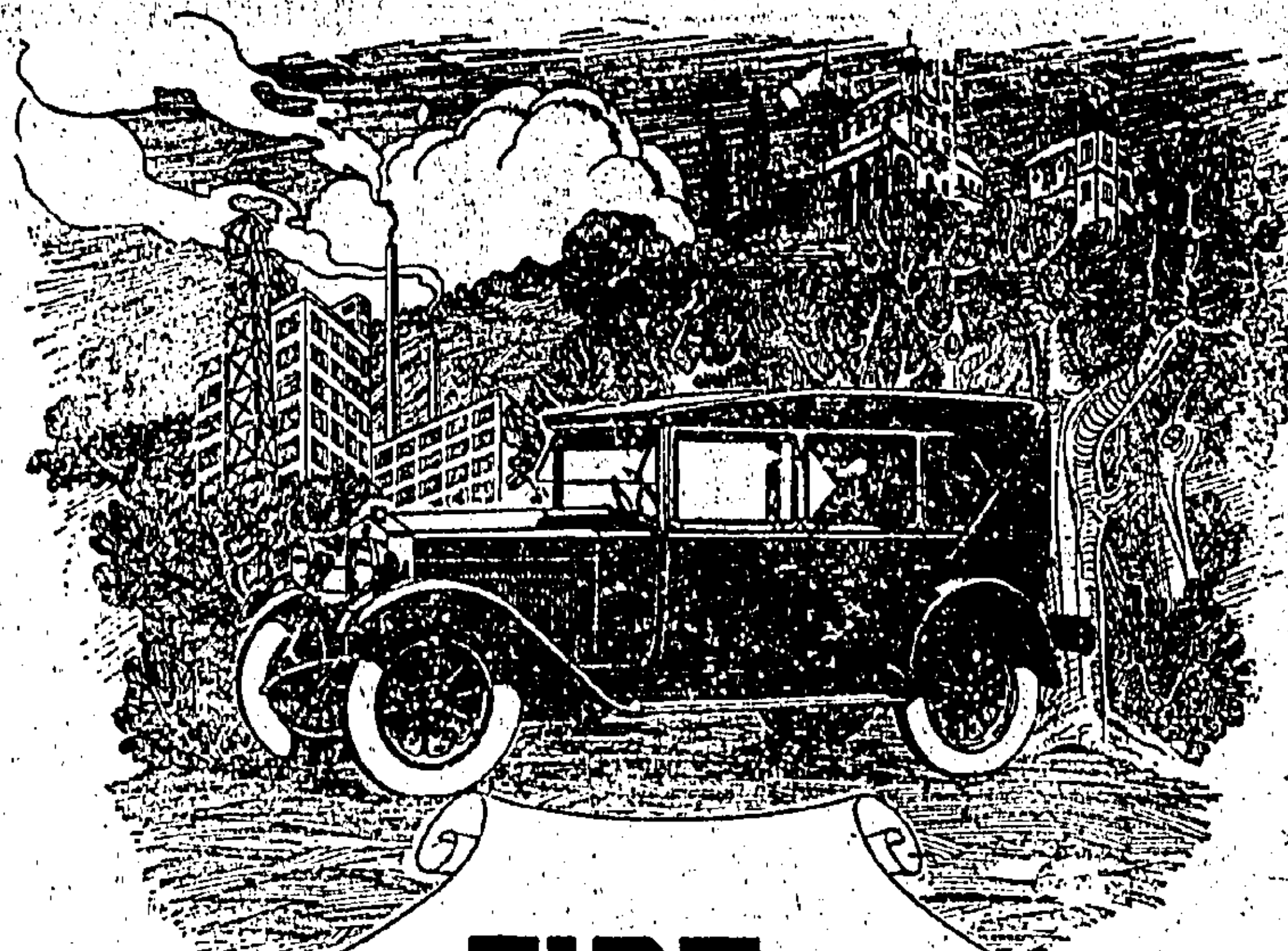
"When I got out of the machine I counted eight, and then pulled my rip cord. My parachute immediately opened and acted well. Owing to a strong north wind I was blown towards the sea. By 'spilling' air, however, I managed to come down some twenty yards from the edge of the cliff on the main Dover-Folkestone road. A civilian helped me down to the road."

The jury returned a verdict of "Death by Misadventure," and expressed sympathy with Mr. Watson's relatives.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

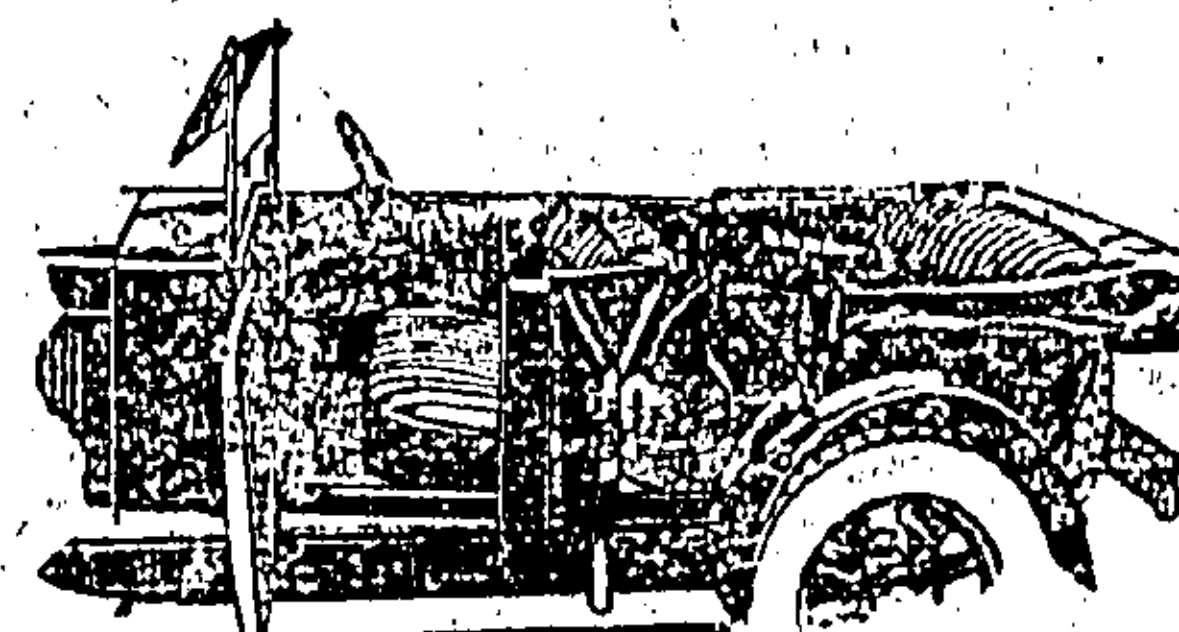
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It appears from a Parliamentary answer given by Lieutenant-Colonel Headlam, Secretary to the Admiralty, that at a rough estimate the quantities of meat purchased for the Navy in 1926-7 were: British, 1 per cent.; Colonial, 86 per cent.; and foreign, 13 per cent.

Professor Hermann Abendroth, the General Musical Director of the Cologne Conservatoire, who is shortly to conduct three London Symphony Orchestra concerts at the Queen's Hall, will afterwards proceed to Moscow and Leningrad to conduct Philharmonic concerts.

MISSIONARY WORK.

CHINA DELEGATION TO JERUSALEM.

The China delegation to the Jerusalem Conference, with that from Japan and the Philippine Islands, is due to reach Jerusalem to-day. The enlarged meeting of the International Missionary Council is to convene in that city on the twenty-fourth instant. This delegation of seventeen members passed through Hongkong on February 24th and were entertained here by various bodies.

The leader of the delegation is Dr. David Z. T. Yui, Chairman of the National Christian Council of China and General Secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. The South China member is the Rev. Y. S. Tom of Canton. Other members are Dr. C. Y. Cheng, of Shanghai, General Secretary of the National Christian Council of China; Prof. T. C. Chao of Peking, Rev. Li Tien Lu of Tsinan, Mrs. C. C. Chen and Dr. R. Y. Lo of Shanghai, Mr. T. C. Bau, of Hangchow, Rev. Donald Fay of Chengtu and Mr. E. C. Lobenstein, another Secretary of the National Christian Council.

The China delegation is carrying a banner to be presented to a church in Jerusalem, the translation of the inscription being "The light spreads to the four corners of the earth."

From March 24th through Easter Day this conference, comprising about two hundred leaders of Christian work in some twenty countries, will hold daily sessions on the Mount of Olives, considering the problems of co-operation between the various religious organizations in these countries. This is the first conference in which representatives of the Orient have sat down at the council table on equal terms with those of the Occident, each to contribute their experiences to the building up of the churches in the various lands.

MURDER TRIAL.

INDIAN COMMITTED TO SESSIONS.

Sandagar Singh, formerly employed at the Standard Oil Co.'s installation at Laichikok, was yesterday afternoon committed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy to take his trial at the next sittings of the Criminal Sessions on a charge of murder of Jeta Singh, a fellow workman.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted on behalf of the Crown and Mr. K. S. Chowdhury appeared for the defendant.

Portugal evidence of arrest of the defendant at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station early on the morning following the crime was given by an Indian constable, while an interpreter produced the defendant's statement made in answer to the charge. The defendant said that he had been drinking and did not know what had happened.

At the close of the case for the prosecution, Mr. Chowdhury sub-

WIRE AND WIRELESS.

COMPETITION BETWEEN BRITAIN AND U.S.

London, Mar. 21.

City correspondents accept the American telegraph merger as a reply to the British cable and wireless combination scheme and anticipate the keenest Anglo-American competition.—*Reuter.*

New York, Mar. 21.

Mr. Owen Young, the Chairman of the Radio Corporation, stated that the Radio Corporation was not involved in the merger but approved the action taken and believed that combination in the United States wire and wireless systems was inevitable.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Huge Undertakings Planned.

New York, Mar. 21.

The cables merger announced yesterday is officially confirmed.

A wireless service will be operated to supplement the existing cable system. The plan contemplates the formation of a new commercial postal company under the chairmanship of Mr. Mackay to acquire the outstanding stock of the Mackay Companies, controlling the submarine and land lines of the commercial undertaking, and eventually the formation of a new international cable company, also under Mr. Mackay, to take charge of commercial cables.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A cable dated March 20 stated: The New York World says a record communication merger has been effected in the absorption of the Mackay Companies, operating five thousand postal and telegraph companies in the United States, by the International Telegraph and Telephone Company. The combined assets of the companies is \$225,000,000. The amalgamation will create a network of wires connecting Canada, the United States, Mexico, Cuba, Central America and Argentina. The system will eventually be extended to connect South America with North America and Europe telephonically.]

mitted that he had no case to answer, but his Worship ruled against him, remarking that the whole of the circumstances appeared so suspicious that he thought the defendant should be asked to make some answer to the charge.

His Worship queried whether Mr. Chowdhury wished to reserve his defence, to which counsel replied that he had received no further instructions than to defend at the Magistracy. Neither he nor the defendant's solicitors had been retained to appear at the Supreme Court.

His Worship: "You have not been instructed to offer any evidence at all?"

Mr. Chowdhury: No.
The defendant was duly cautioned but made no statement and was committed for trial at the criminal sessions.

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U. S. IMMIGRATION.

SENATE ACCEPTS THE JOHNSON RESOLUTION.

Washington, Mar. 21.
The Senate has passed the Johnson resolution postponing for a year the effective date of the national origin clause of the Immigration Act considerably increasing the quota of British immigrants allowed. It is expected that the whole position will be further reviewed during the year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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"OBESTES" 20th May Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"OANFA" 20th Jun. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

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Tjikembang	Batavia	29th Mar	31st Mar	Amoy, Shanghai & Keelung
Tjisondari	S'hai, K'lung	2nd Apr	4th Apr	Batavia
Tjilboet	Java, Moer	9th Apr	10th Apr	Amoy, N. China
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Tjisaroca	S'hai, K'lung	16th Apr	18th Apr	Batavia
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The first vessel to take the water was the steel bulk oil lighter Utah, built to order of the Standard Oil Co., of New York, the vessel sliding perfectly down the ways to the main fuselage of cranes for "good jobs." The Utah is 33 ft. 6 in. in length by 18 ft. moulded breadth giving a dead weight capacity of 80 tons, the oil being carried in four compartments controlled by a suitable pump and piping arrangement for the filling and emptying of the tanks and for the ready transfer of oil from one tank to the other. A steel deckhouse forward accommodates four men and the steering gear and engine telegraph are fitted above, the crew being housed in a steel house aft. The vessel is fitted with a "Bens" three cylinder Diesel Motor of 105 brake horse power for a speed of 7 1/2 knots, storage tanks of 3 1/2 tons capacity being fitted in engine room. Construction of the vessel has been supervised by the owners engineer, Mr. Volkoff.

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JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

REPORTS OF REMARKABLE AGREEMENT.

Tokyo, Mar. 21.

Though the Foreign Office, also the representatives of Viscount Goto, categorically deny that there is any truth in the story, the *Jiji* avers that Viscount Goto is carrying out private negotiations with Mr. Karakhan, aiming at opening an official parley with the Soviet regarding Manchuria and Mongolia.

According to the *Jiji*, the points being discussed are:

1. The establishment of spheres of influence.
2. Japan's purchase of the southern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway from Harbin to Kwantchen.
3. The issuance of a Soviet loan on the Japanese market in return for facilities, including a favourable freightage agreement between the South Manchuria Railway and the Chinese Eastern Railway.

In this connexion it will be remembered that the Premier denied a somewhat similar report on March 10.—*Reuter*.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

SHANGHAI SECRETARY ARRIVES IN HONGKONG.

Mr. K. Z. Loh, M. A., secretary in charge of boys work in the National Committee of the Y. M. C. A. in China, with office at Shanghai, arrived at Hongkong from Amoy and Swatow yesterday morning, on his tour of the several Y. M. C. A. districts and to inspect the activities of the Association relative to its service for the junior members. It is the intention of the National Committee to organize a training centre for leaders for boys work in Peking and then revive the work for the boys throughout China. The Y. M. C. A. will pay particular attention to promotion of civic clubs among boys to train them for good citizenship under Christian influence.

Mr. Loh will spend a few days in Hongkong before proceeding to Canton on a similar mission. He will address the opening of the membership and financial campaign of the Hongkong Y. M. C. A. for the raising of \$30,000 for this year's work. The boys will meet on this coming Friday, and the men on Saturday at dinner to inaugurate the campaign.

The New Secretary.

Mr. Yimson H. Tsao, general secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. in Hongkong, when speaking of the present development of the Association, said that the local Chinese Y. M. C. A. was entering upon a new era. He was proud of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which won the 1927 Shield for general efficiency and service.

The Chinese Y. M. C. A. is fortunate now to have here as an adviser Mr. H. A. Wilbur, an associate general secretary of the National Committee despatched to Hongkong to take the place of Mr. J. L. McPherson, who recently departed for London by way of America on furlough. Mr. Wilbur will remain in Hongkong until Mr. McPherson's return.

Mr. H. A. Wilbur has been many years connected with the Y. M. C. A. in the Orient, and for a time the National Committee has jurisdiction over more than 40 local associations in China, Korea, and Japan. Mr. Wilbur has been posted to the associations in the Far East. He has more than 30 years experience in Y. M. C. A. work, and the assignment of such a secretary as Mr. Wilbur of the National Committee to Hongkong is being considered not only a tribute to Mr. McPherson, the regular head of the work here, but also the importance of Hongkong as a Y. M. C. A. field.

Health Lectures.

Before the approach of summer, the Y. M. C. A. is giving a series of public health lectures, emphasizing the value of personal and individual hygiene. The best known Chinese physicians and surgeons of the city are on the list of speakers. Many thousand free vaccinations have been given to those who applied for the privilege. As an evidence of public support to the Chinese Y. M. C. A., many leading Chinese merchants have headed committees to assist in the raising of the \$30,000 needed for the work for 1928. Schools of Hongkong are utilizing the open ground of the Chinese

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th April, or they will not be recognised.

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KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NAPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,938	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
LAHORE	5,253	7th May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	13th May	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KIDDERPORE	5,334	14th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
JEYPORE	6,318	17th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
INOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	16,601	25th May	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
INANKIN	7,058	4th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	8th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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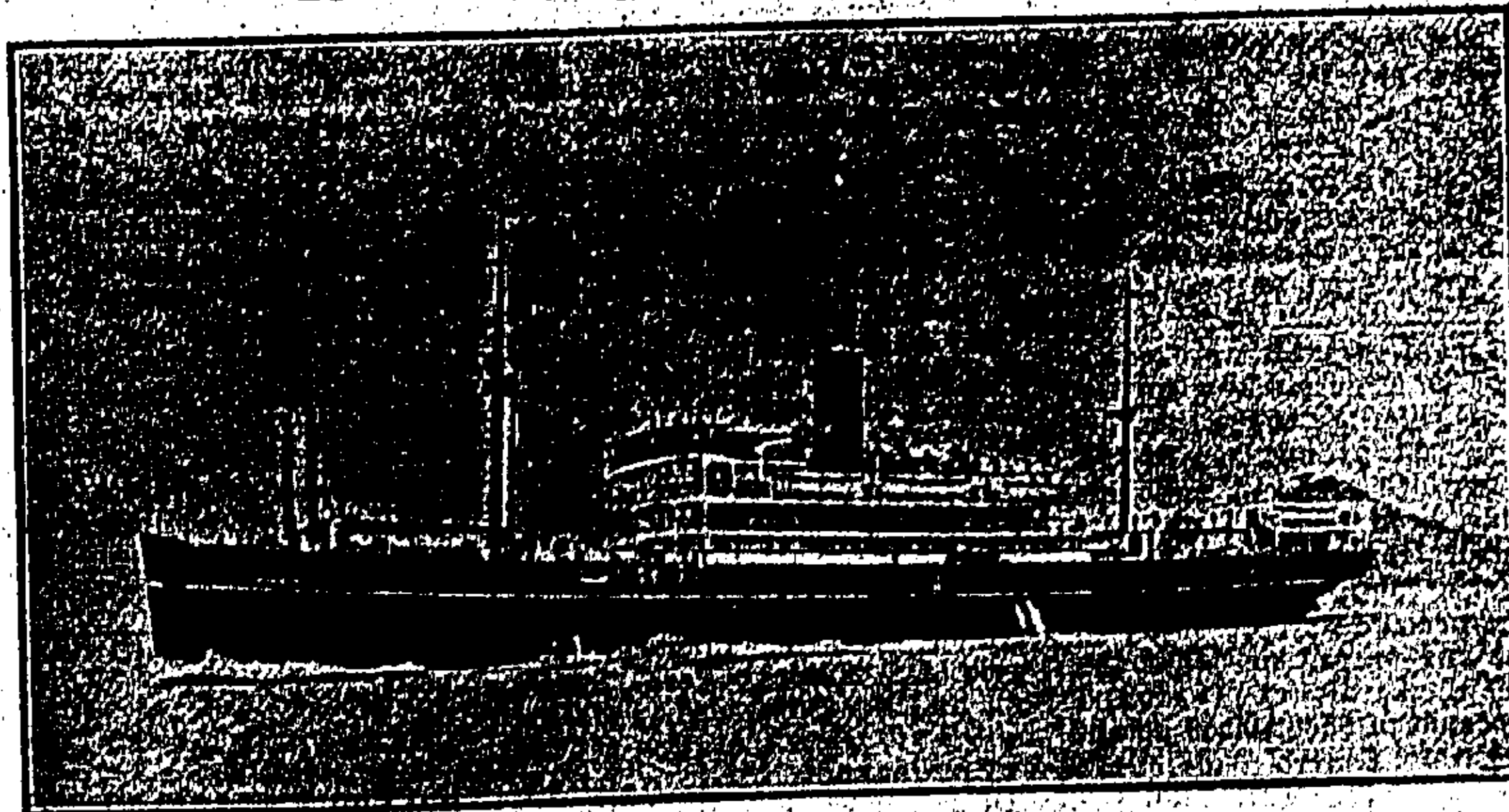
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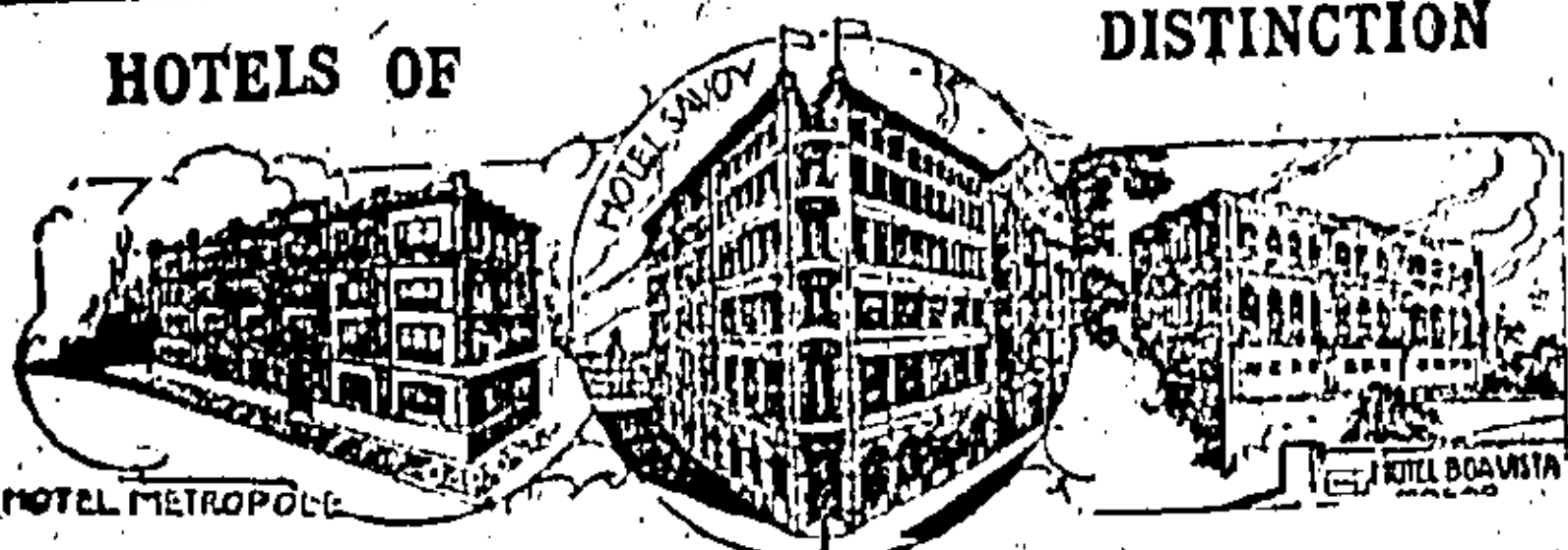
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COMPANY.

PROGRESS IN SPITE OF
DULL TIMES.

BETTER PROSPECTS.

Mr. R. G. Shewan, presiding at
the 44th. ordinary yearly meeting
of shareholders of the Hongkong
Rope Manufacturing Company,
Limited, which was held in St.
George's Building this morning,
stated that the prospects for the
future were better than they had
been for some years past but, to
improve their financial position, it
had been decided to collect the call
of \$5 per share due on June 15th.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing shareholders, the
Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—
With your permission we will take
the report and accounts now laid
before you, copies of which have
been in your hands for the
required period, as read. The
balance at credit of Working
Account for the past year is
\$96,453.95 against \$83,615.25 for
the previous year, which, in view
of the continued depression in
business generally, is encouraging.

As regards house property, I am
glad to say the prospects have im-
proved and I may say that prac-
tically all our houses are let, but
tenants come and go and there
must always be one or two flats
awaiting a tenant even at the best
times. Our income for the year
from rents is \$79,980.84 against
\$3,428.26 in 1926, but this includes
the rent of the factory at Matsu-
kok to the Military Authorities,
the lease for which expires next
month. Our house property still
leaves a poor return and we can
only look for better returns as the
demand for houses increases with
the prosperity of the Colony.
When this long-looked-for demand
materialises, we shall be in a good
position to take advantage of it,
either with the land we have on
this side, in one of the most con-
gested districts, or with our new
property at Ma-tau-kok.

Overdraft Reduced.

Now as regards accounts you
will see that in spite of dull times,
not only have we completed pay-
ment of the new buildings at Ma-
tau-kok amounting to \$75,412.24
but we have managed to reduce
our overdraft with the bank from
\$573,788.89 to \$443,070.02 and of
course for that, our land alone
without plant or buildings is more
than ample security.

Land stands in our books at a
very conservative figure but plant
and buildings do not improve with
time and should therefore be well
depreciated. We therefore recom-
mend that these items should be
written down as stated in the
accounts, when they will stand at
what we consider really safe
figures. For this purpose we have
made use of reserves which are
not reserves in the strict sense of
the word as the money represent-
ed has been sunk in the Company's
business and cannot be utilised for
the proverbial rainy day, in fact
it takes the place of extra
capital. In this regard we trust
the allocations we have made of
these reserves will meet with your
approval.

Sounder Position.

I will not attempt to prophesy
what the future may bring forth,
but I may say that we have com-
menced the present year with bet-
ter prospects and in a sounder
position than we have been for
some years past. We have ample
assets for a much larger overdraft
than the present one, but interest
makes a big hole in our profits and
therefore, in order to improve our
financial position, we have decided
to no longer delay collecting the
call of \$5 per share, due on 15th
June next.

Our present Articles of Associa-
tion, although not very old, are
not quite equal to present-day re-
quirements, and we propose pre-
paring new articles providing a
Board of Directors in place of a
Consulting Committee and these
will be laid before you in due
course. The question of the Gen-
eral Managers' commission will
also be considered at the same
time.

Since these accounts were printed,
Sir Elly Kadoorie has, on the
invitation of the committee, ac-
cepted a seat as member of the
Consulting Committee and his
name has been added to the list
of members for re-election.

I now beg to propose that the re-
port and accounts as presented be
adopted and passed and that the
Balance at Credit of Profit and
Loss Account of \$53,802.59 be ap-
propriated as follows:—To place
to Credit of Typhoon & Flood Ac-
count, \$7,676.51; To write off:—
Factory at Kennedy Town, \$80,
000; Wharf, \$6,000; Houses, \$100,
000; Factory at Kowloon, \$297,
063.25; Plant and Machinery,
\$63,062.83; Total \$533,802.59.

When this has been seconded I
shall be pleased to answer ques-
tions from shareholders.

STOP PRESS.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER
DENIALS.M. CHICHERIN ACCUSES
BALDWIN OF SLANDER.

Moscow, Mar. 22.

M. Chicherin, the Russian
Foreign Secretary, has issued a
long reply to the statements made
in the House of Commons, relating
to the Zinovieff Letter, in the
course of which he declared
Zinovieff admitted sending the
letter, and referred to Chicherin's
methods of evading acknowledgment.

M. Chicherin now declares Mr.
Baldwin's utterances to be
slandrous and insulting fabrica-
tions. He accuses the British
Premier of patent discrepancies,
and draws attention to the British
refusal to accept the Soviet in-
vitation to institute an enquiry
into the authenticity of the
Zinovieff Letter.

M. Chicherin adduces "evidence"
that the Zinovieff Letter was a
forgery, for example, the trial in
Russia of a certain Drujilovsky, a
manufacturer of forgeries, whose
testimony is alleged to show that
the letter was fabricated in Berlin.
Reuter.

EX-PREMIER SHOT
AT TIENTSIN.ARMED MEN MURDER GENERAL
CHANG SHOU-TSENG.

RESIDENCE, RAIDED.

Tientsin, Mar. 22.

An armed party entered the
house of General Chang Shou-
tseng, in the Chinese city, last
evening and shot him dead.

The intruders did not molest
other members of the household.
They later fled and had not been
arrested at a late hour last night.
General Chang Shou-tseng was
a former Premier, and it is per-
haps noteworthy that his daughter
married a son of Marshal Feng
Yu-hsiang.—Reuter.

General Chang was one of the
"Three Heroes of North China"
who in 1911 compelled the Man-
chus to promulgate a Constitution.
He was made Premier in January,
1923, but in September of the same
year he fled to Tientsin when
President Li Yuan-hung was
forced out by Tsao K'un's faction.]

An increase of 1,462,244 passen-
gers carried by L.C.C. tramways
during the two weeks ending on
February 15, 1928, as against the
corresponding weeks in 1927 is re-
vealed by the report of the High-
ways Committee.

The fact that tombstones are im-
ported from Germany and other
countries was emphasised at a
Board of Trade Inquiry into an
application for a duty, under the
Safeguarding regulations, on
monumental and architectural
granite.

Paris, Feb. 17.—English scored a
victory over French yesterday
when the Academie Française de-
cided to cut out of the language
the verb "muqueter," which is
old-fashioned French for "to flirt,"
on the grounds that the sense was
sufficiently covered by the new-
fangled "flirter," taken as it is
direct from our own word, "to
flirt." The word "muqueter,"
which means "to flirt," is dis-
tinguished from "flirter" in the dic-
tionary is "a man whose character
is compounded of impudence and
brutality." Formerly "muqueter"
was gross slang. Now it may be con-
sidered classical.

Business Matters.

Mr. H.P. White seconded and
the motion was carried.
Mr. Allan Keith proposed that
Mr. H.P. White, Mr. Allan
Cameron, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and
Sir Elly Kadoorie be re-elected to
the Consulting Committee. This
was seconded by Mr. H. Dryer and
was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. M.A.
Figueiredo, seconded by Mr. W.
Gardner, Messrs. Linthead and
Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith,
Seth and Fleming were re-elected
auditors at a remuneration of \$850
each per annum.

Directors present in addition to
the Chairman were Mr. H.P. White,
Mr. Allan Cameron, and Sir Elly
Kadoorie; also Mr. J. Coulthart,
Secretary. Shareholders present
were Messrs. Allan Keith, I.W.
Shewan, W. Gardner, J. Toppin,
A.H.M. da Silva, M.A. Figueiredo,
M. Fernandez, H. Dreyer, J. F.
Wright (Jnr.) and F.J. Tavaras.

ARREST OF CITY
THIEVES.MANY PIECE-GOODS SHOPS
VICTIMISED.

GUILT ADMITTED.

Five men belonging to a gang
of thieves who were responsible for
a series of large-scale thefts from
various piece-goods stores in the
City, were recently arrested and
sentenced to various terms of im-
prisonment.

A sixth man, however, eluded ar-
rest, but it was not long before con-
tact was established with him by
the police. It transpires that on
escaping he got together a second
gang, who carried on the work of
the former gang and, in due course,
four more piece-goods shops were
victimised.

Then, acting on information re-
ceived, Acting Detective Sub-In-
spector A. V. Baker, who was respon-
sible for the previous arrests, car-
ried out another raid and he
finally got the man he wanted.
This man was found together with
an accomplice, in a house in Tong
Man Street. Both were arrested.

The two men later made a clean
breast of everything. They sur-
rendered 65 pawn tickets relating
to goods stolen from time to time,
while \$700 worth of stolen prop-
erty was also recovered and returned
to various owners.

Amongst the victimised shops
were the Kwong Sang Yuen Piece
Goods Company, of 37, Wing Lok
Street; the Hop Kee Lee, of 169,
Queen's Road Central; the Kwong
Tai, of 80, Queen's Road Central;
and other cloth shops in the city.

The prisoners were charged be-
fore Major C. Willson this morn-
ing. They pleaded guilty to their
respective charges and sentences
were inflicted, aggregating, in the
case of the first man, to seven
months, and in the case of the
second, to six months' hard labour.

SOVIET INTRIGUE
EXPOSED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Multilateral Treaty.

The United States Government,
he said, believes in the one project
and disbelieves in the other. They
believed that the idea behind
the proposal for a pact re-
nouncing war could be made ef-
fective as an articulate expression
of the almost universal will to
peace.

They believed that such an ex-
pression would be much more ef-
fective at present than any
scheme, however drastic, for
abolishing weapons.—Reuter.

FUELLESS MOTOR.

ENGINEERS SCEPTICAL AS TO
NEW "INVENTION."

New York, Feb. 26.

Sceptical engineers are to-day
scratching their heads over re-
ports from Detroit of a "fuelless
motor" demonstrated at Selfridge
Field, Detroit, yesterday, before
a group of aeroplane engineers,
including Colonel Lindbergh. Only
the fact that Major Thomas G.
Lanphier, Flight Commander at
Selfridge Field, appears to be
wholeheartedly committed to the
new engine, prevents these sceptics
from openly voicing their
incredulity.

The new motor, the invention of
Lester J. Hendershot, a Pitts-
burgh engineer, is said to draw
its energy from tree electricity in
the air ground. This is accom-
plished by a special method of
winding the armature. The small
model demonstrated in Detroit, it
is stated, attained 1,800 revolu-
tions per minute. The inventor
claims that it is capable of run-
ning at this speed for 2,000-3,000
hours before "recharging."

William D. Stout, the President
of the aeroplane company in
which Henry Ford is deeply in-
terested, watched the tests and
characterised them as "very im-
pressive." He described the ac-
tion of the motor as "actually
uncanny."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—

1. A priest in Rome who was martyred in
the reign of Claudius II. 2. That it was of
British origin. 3. The British Association's
expedition to the Great Barrier Reef in Aus-
tralian waters. 4. The victory of Thomas
Hill over the Milsani about 1800 B.C. 5.
Bernuda. 6. Sir Frank Baines. 7. At
Llanwrhydlyn, near Bala, North Wales. 8.
Carthage. 9. The feet long on the
island of Komodo, east of Java. 10. The rock-
salt pillar known as "Old Man's Head" near the
Dead Sea. 11. \$250,000. 12. \$50,000,000.
13. 400. 12. Kilanese. In Hawaii, the crater of
which is as far across as the distance between
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